# ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Synod of the Northwest

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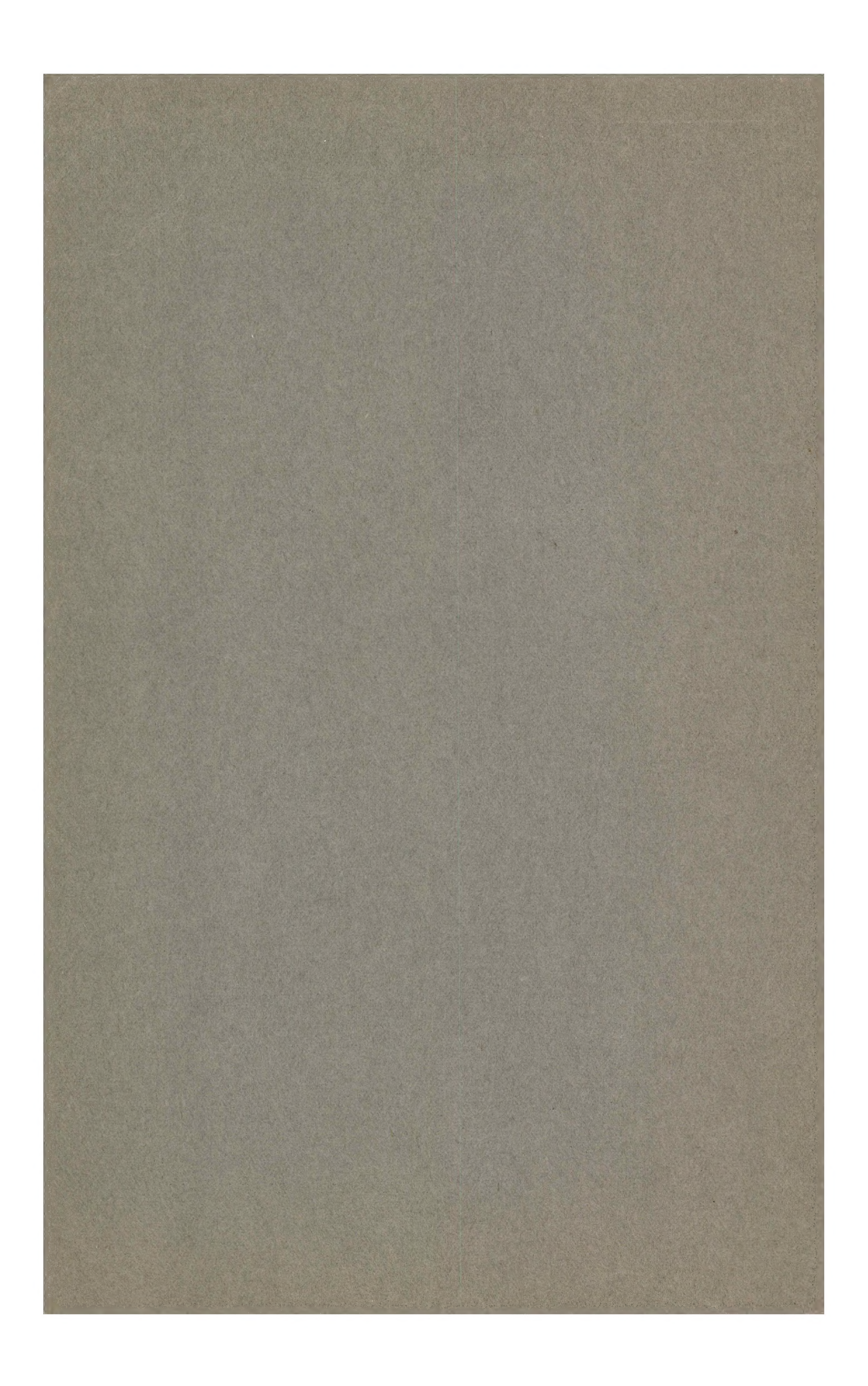
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(Evangelical and Reformed)

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in Alleman, Iowa

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# Beschlüsse und Verhandlungen

der

# Synode des Nordwestens

## der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten

(Evangelisch und Reformiert)

Versammelt zu ihrer 72sten Jahresversammlung
in der Reformierten Salemsgemeinde
zu Alleman, Jowa,
vom 6. bis zum 11. September

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Artikel I.

## Eröffnungsgottesdienst.

### 1. Eröffnung.

Die Synode des Nordwestens der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten versammelte sich zu ihrer 72. Jahresversammlung in der Reformierten Salems-Gemeinde zu Alleman, Jowa, vom 6. bis zum 11. September 1938.

Die Jahressitzung wurde eröffnet mit einem Gottesdienst am Dienstag, dem 6. September 1938, abends um ½8 Uhr, wobei der Präsident, Pastor F. W. Knatz, die Predigt hielt über Apostelgeschichte 27, 20–25. Der Vizepräsident, Pastor E. H. Weßler, D.D., hatte die Leitung des liturgischen Teils in den Händen.

Nachdem der Präsident die Geschäftssitzung als eröffnet erklärt hatte, schritt die Synode zur Erledigung ihrer Geschäfte. Der Registrar berichtete, daß ein Quorum anwesend sei.

Dem Delegaten der New Glarus-Gemeinde wurde Sitz und Stimme verliehen.

Hierauf schritt die Synode zur Präsidentenwahl. Der Ständige Schreiber verlas die Regeln über die Wahlen. Als Wahlführer wurden gewählt die Pastoren: R. Klaudt, F. Stucki, R. Achtemeier und der Aelteste H. Neuhaus. Pastor F. W. Knatz wurde als Präsident, und Pastor E. H. Weßler, D.D., als Vizepräsident wieder gewählt.

Die Geschäftsordnung, wie im Blaubuch aufgestellt, wurde angenommen. Der Ständige Schreiber verlas dann die Regeln über Reisevergütungen.

Der Ortspastor hieß die Delegaten im Namen der Gemeinde willkommen und der Präsident erwiderte in entsprechenden Worten und dankte der Synode für das ihm erwiesene Vertrauen.

Hierauf vertagte sich die Synode und wurde von dem Vizepräsidenten mit dem Segen entlassen, worauf die Versammlung die Doxologie sang.

Artikel II.

## Registration.

### 1. Bericht des Registrars.

#### A. Registration.

Am Anfang einer jeden Sitzung und unmittelbar vor Vertagung berichtete der Registrar über Registration. Bei jeder Sitzung war ein Quorum anwesend.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Sitzung: | 74 Prediger aus 8 Klassen. |
| | 46 Aelteste aus 7 Klassen. |
| 2. Sitzung: | 79 Prediger aus 8 Klassen. |
| | 50 Aelteste aus 7 Klassen. |
| 3. Sitzung: | 81 Prediger aus 8 Klassen. |
| | 50 Aelteste aus 7 Klassen. |
| 4. Sitzung: | 79 Prediger aus 8 Klassen. |
| | 49 Aelteste aus 7 Klassen. |
| 5. Sitzung: | 64 Prediger aus 8 Klassen. |
| | 40 Aelteste aus 7 Klassen. |
| Letzte Reg.: | 45 Prediger aus 8 Klassen. |
| | 34 Aelteste aus 7 Klassen. |

#### B. Anwesende Glieder.

Die Ziffern in folgender Liste bezeichnen die Sitzungstage an welchen der betreffende Delegat registrierte: der Buchstabe (L) bezeichnet die letzte Registration; der Buchstabe (E) bezeichnet „Entschuldigt". Wo weder Ziffer noch Buchstabe steht ist weder Registration noch eine Entschuldigung verzeichnet.

SHEBOYGAN KLASSIS

(Pastoren)

| Name | Registration |
|---|---|
| E. H. Wessler, D.D. | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| Robert Klaudt | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| H. T. Vriesen | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| V. O. Grosshuesch | 1 2 3 4 5 E |
| E. L. Worthman | 1 2 3 4 E E |
| P. H. Franzmeier | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| J. C. Rosenau | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| Otto R. Gerber | 1 2 3 4 5 E |
| A. Geo. Schmid | 1 2 3 4 5 E |
| Clarence L. Schmidt | 1 2 3 4 5 E |
| Edward P. Nuss | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| Caleb Hauser | 1 2 3 4 E E |
| Wm. Bollmann | E 2 3 4 5 L |
| A. E. Hammann | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| Wm. Oelrich | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| Theophil Blaufusz | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| John Scheib | 1 2 3 E E E |
| Herman G. Schmid | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| E. G. Pfeiffer | 1 2 3 4 5 E |
| Benjamin Stucki | E 2 3 E E E |
| Siegfried Schmiechen | 1 2 3 4 |
| Otto A. Menke | 1 2 3 4 E E |
| Paul Groszhuesch, D.D. | 1 2 3 4 E E |
| J. W. Groszhüsch, Ph.D. | 1 2 3 4 5 E |
| A. C. Plappert | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| V. D. Weidler | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| E. Buehrer | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| Wilson M. Bixler | 1 2 3 4 E E |
| Elmer C. Jaberg | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| K. J. Ernst, Ph.D., D.D. | E 2 3 4 5 L |
| E. G. Krampe, D.D. | 1 2 3 4 5 L |
| John Gatermann | 1 2 3 4 5 E |

(Aelteste)

Julius Ochs ..........1 2 3 4 5 E
Otto Hochkammer .....1 2 3 4 5 L
O. G. Hahn ...........1 2 3 4 E E
Martin Yaniga ........1 2 3 4 5 L
Jake P. Koehler........1 2 3 4 E E
Gustave Dennerlein....1 2 3 4 5 L
Wm. Reineking ........1 2 3 4 5 L
Arthur Mauk, Sr.......1 2 3 4 5 E
August Hintz ..........1 2 3 4 5 L
Arthur Stock ..........1 2 3 4 5 L
William Paul ..........1 2 3 E E E
Herman Paschen ......1 2 3 E E E
Herman Behrens ......E 2 3 4 5 L
Henry Neuhaus .......1 2 3 4 5 L

## MILWAUKEE KLASSIS

(Pastoren)

H. G. Settlage .........E 2 3 4 5 E
Louis A. Moser .......E E 3 4 5 L
Frank Settlage ........E 2 3 4 5 E
John Mohr ............1 2 3 4 5 L
Carl Flueckinger ......1 2 3 4 5 E
A. R. Achtemeier ......1 2 3 4 E E
Reuben Huenemann ...1 2 3 4 E E
Henry C. Nott, D.D....1 2 3 4 5 E
George Grether .......1 2 3 4 5 L
A. A. Graf ............1 2 3 4 5 L
Herman Lehmann .....1 2 3 4 5 L
F. W. Knatz ..........1 2 3 4 5 L
Richard Rettig ........1 2 3 4 5 L

(Aelteste)

C. Weckmueller .......1 2 3 4 E E
John Dick .............1 2 3 4 E E
John Accola ..........1 2 3 4 5 L
J. U. Freitag ..........1 2 3 4 5 L

## MINNESOTA KLASSIS

(Pastoren)

Melvin Wittmer .......1 2 3 4 E E
Calvin Groszhuesch ...1 2 3 4 5 L
Willard Sherman ......E 2 3 4 E E
Walter Baumgartner ...1 2 3 4 5 E
F. E. Stucki ...........1 2 3 4 5 L
William Huenemann ...1 2 3 4 5 L
W. J. Stuckey .........1 2 3 4 5 L
Esra Vornholt .........1 2 3 4 E E
Jason Hoffmann .......1 2 3 4 E E
E. M. De Buhr.........1 2 E E E E

(Aelteste)

John Florin ............1 2 3 4 E E
Henry Barz ............1 2 3 4 E E
John Thoni ............1 2 3 4 5 E
Otto Sandermann .....1 2 3 4 5 E
Wm. Ferlemann .......1 2 3 4 5 L
Wm. Eggler ...........1 2 3 4 E E
George Herman .......1 2 3 4 5 L

## NEBRASKA KLASSIS

(Pastoren)

Paul Traeger, Ph.D.....1 2 3 4 5 L
C. H. Riedesel .........1 2 3 4 5 L
H. R. Burkett .........1 2 3 4 5 E
C. Wm. Deglow .......1 2 3 4 5 L
H. K. Hartmann .......1 2 3 4 5 L
Alvin O. Engelmann...1 2 3 4 5 L
Peter S. Kohler .......1 2 3 4 5 L

(Aelteste)

W. W. Roemmich .....1 2 3 4 5 E
Ed. Fuhrman ..........E 2 3 4 5 L
George Pauley .........1 2 3 4 5 L
Henry Trautmann .....1 2 3 4 5 L
Alfred Kanel ..........1 2 3 4 5 L
John Rupp ............1 2 3 4 5 L

## URSINUS KLASSIS

(Pastoren)

A. I. Kruetzmann......1 2 3 4 5 L
A. A. Depping .........1 2 3 4 5 L
John Seidler ..........1 2 3 4 5 L
Peter Schild ..........E E 3 4 5 E
A. C. Fischer ..........1 2 3 4 5 L
D. E. Bosma ..........1 2 3 4 5 L
John Schlamp .........1 2 3 4 5 L
A. H. Tendick .........1 2 3 4 5 L
Otto Engelmann .......1 2 3 4 5 E

(Aelteste)

V. Accola ............1 2 3 4 5 L
F. Selberg ............1 2 3 4 5 L
Henry Wilsterman, prim. 5 L
Martin Boysen, sec. ...1 E E E
William Schocker .....1 2 3 4 5 L
B. Deppe ..............E 2 3 4 E E
Wm. Burrichter .......1 2 3 4 5 L
Charlie Klein .........E E 3 4 E E
Chas. Bettin ...........E 2 3 4 E E

## SUED DAKOTA KLASSIS

John Bodenman .......1 2 3 4 5 L
K. J. Stuebbi, D.D.....1 2 3 4 5 L
Ulrich Zogg ...........1 2 3 4 5 L

(Aelteste)

L. Neuharth ...........1 2 3 4 5 L
Jacob Kirschenmann....1 2 3 4 5 L
A. Groszhuesch .......1 2 3 4 5 E
Henry Schemp ........1 2 3 4 5 L
John Gramm ..........1 2 3 4 5 L
John Hauck ...........1 2 3 4 5 L

## PORTLAND-OREGON KLASSIS

(Pastoren)

B. M. Fresenborg ......1 2 3 4 5 E
John Egger ...........1 2 3 4 5 L

(Aelteste)

Keine.

## WEST CANADA KLASSIS

(Pastoren)

Keine.

(Aelteste)

Keine.

## EUREKA KLASSIS

(Pastoren)

H. D. Opp .............1 2 3 4 5 L
Jacob G. Ulmer .......1 2 3 4 5 L
John Stryler ..........1 2 3 4 5 E
Adolph Boschee .......1 2 3 4 5 E
H. Neuharth ...........1 2 3 4 5 L
John J. Job ...........1 2 3 4 5 L
John F. Sprenger ......1 2 3 4 5 L

(Aelteste)

W. J. Krieger .........1 2 3 4 5 L
E. Kaempchen .........1 2 3 4 5 L
K. Krueger ............1 2 3 4 E E
G. E. Wolfe ...........1 2 3 4 5 L
O. Hoffner .............1 2 3 4 5 L
W. B. Wittenberg .....E E 3 4 5 L

## CALIFORNIA KLASSIS

(Pastoren)

Keine.

(Aelteste)

Keine.

### C. Entschuldigte Glieder.

Sheboygan-Klassis.

Die Pastoren C. O. Schrör, Joseph Bauer, Ph.D., A. W. Klumb, John M. Bauer, Otto Säwert, W. C. Beckmann und David Decorah.

Die Aeltesten R. J. Schafer, Herman Vogel, Norbert Reichhardt, Albert Lübke, W. Manecke, Otto Berg, Ad. Meier, Geo. Miller, D. Dekorak, F. Stettler, G. Steffan, A. Laack, Wm. Zeinemann, A. Athorp, Fred Spindler und M. Feldmann.

Milwaukee-Klassis.

Die Pastoren J. Friedli, D.D., A. Mühlmeier, D.D. und G. E. Robinson.
Die Aeltesten O. Retschlag, A. Feige, A. Mertz, O. Glaß, A. Dettwiler, J. E. Hefty, Fred Klussendorf und H. F. Thiel.

Minnesota-Klassis.

Die Pastoren E. H. Oppermann, Edw. H. Vornholt und Edw. Mohr.
Die Aeltesten G. Friederich, P. Schneewind, Dietrich Lenzen, John Schams und John Yennie.

Nebraska-Klassis.

Aeltester Walter Klemme.

Ursinus-Klassis.

Pastor S. Elliker, Jr.
Die Aeltesten August Steffen, Wm. Mauser.

Süd-Dakota-Klassis.

Die Pastoren W. Korn und Aaron Kurtz.
Die Aeltesten J. H. Mettler und Carl Frank.

Portland-Oregon-Klassis.

Pastor Gottlieb Hafner.
Die Aeltesten Henry Raz und Fred Spörli.

West-Canada-Klassis.

Die Pastoren J. F. Krieger und C. D. Maurer.
Die Aeltesten Frank Becker und Wm. Dewald.

Eureka-Klassis.

Pastor W. Großmann. Aeltester Fred Schäffer.

California-Klassis.

Pastor R. Birk. Aeltester J. Mettler, Jr.

**D. Unentschuldigte Glieder.**

Sheboygan-Klassis.

(Pastoren)

Frank J. Lowenbergh
F. P. Franke
K. F. Hagenmeier
Carl F. Dahn
Edmond L. Hennig
Alwin Grether
Carl G. Schmahl
John Siegle

(Gemeinden)

Elkhart Lake
Green Bay, First Reformed
Ebenezer, Chilton
Kohler, Grace

Milwaukee-Klassis.

(Pastoren)

F. Heilert
C. M. Zenk
P. A. Olm
F. W. Lemke
R. R. Bach
C. Ruppert
Theo. Schildknecht
Wm. E. Huber
T. P. Volliger
W. T. Großhüsch
W. C. Lehmann

(Gemeinden)

New Berlin
Reeseville
Madison-Dane
Waubeka-Fillmore
Watertown
Jackson
West Bend

Minnesota-Klassis.

(Pastoren)

Otto J. Vriesen
C. F. Wichser
Wm. Diehm
R. A. Most
Arthur Krüger
Walter Kuhn
Julius Rosenau, Sr.

(Gemeinden)

Hamburg, Paul
Wabasha, Trinity
St. Paul, Peace

Nebraska-Klassis.

(Pastoren)

W. J. Bonekemper
August Dumin
H. E. Grieb

(Gemeinden)

Loveland, Colo., Hope
Lincoln, Nebr., Immanuel
Humboldt, Nebr., St. John

Ursinus-Klassis.

(Pastoren)

Keine.

(Aelteste)

Keine.

(Gemeinde)

Marengo, St. John's

Süd-Dakota-Klassis.

(Pastoren)

Michael Nuß
H. H. Niehaus
G. Meininger

(Gemeinden)

Delmont, Bethany

Portland-Oregon-Klassis.

(Pastoren)

G. F. Zinn
E. Horstmann
M. Denny
W. G. Lienkämper
E. Scheidt
A. E. Wyß
A. F. Lienkämper
Israel G. Nace
E. Lehrer
C. C. Lienkämper
L. Selzer

(Gemeinden)

Hillsboro, Oregon, Emanuel
Portland, Third Reformed
Tillamook, St. John
Wilsonville, Meridian
Portland, Second Reformed
Salem, Bethany
Quincy, Wash., Ebenezer

West-Canada-Klassis.

(Pastoren)

Paul Wiegand — Carl Fried — C. H. Reppert

(Gemeinden)

Brown, Man., Can., Immanuel
Duff, Sask., Can., Friedens
Duffield, Alta., Can., Mewassin
Grenfell, Sask., Can., St. John
Martins, Alta., Can., Salem
Vegreville, Alta., Can., Hoffnung
Wolseley, Sask., Can., Bethany

Eureka-Klassis.

(Pastoren)

F. F. Ott
Peter Bauer
A. Haller-Leuz
C. T. Nuß

(Gemeinden)

Heil, North Dakota
Lincoln Valley, N. Dak.
Medina, No. Dakota
New Rockford, S. D.
Upham, N. D.
Streeter, N. D.

California-Klassis.

(Pastoren)

Edw. F. Evemeyer, D.D.
Albert Hady
Kichisuke Suzuki
Alexander W. Ogston
Junkichi Mori
Gustave Zenk
Alois Krisik
Alfred Funck

(Gemeinden)

Los Angeles, Calif., First Reformed
Los Angeles, First Hungarian Ref'd
Los Angeles, Japanese Reformed
San Francisco, First Japanese Ref'd
Shafter, Calif., Ebenezer
West Hollywood, Calif., Trinity
West Los Angeles, Japanese Ref'd

Achtungsvoll,

C. Wm. Deglow, Registrar
Edward P. Nuß
Jacob G. Ulmer

## 2. Bericht des Ausschusses für ratgebende Glieder.

Folgender Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen:

(Uebersetzung).

An die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens.

Ihr Ausschuß für ratgebende Glieder und Besucher möchte wie folgt berichten:

A. Ratgebende Glieder anwesend:

Rev. John C. Horning, D.D., Missouri-Kansas Klassis, Central West Superintendent der Einheimischen Missionsbehörde.

Rev. Athniel Stienecker, Ft. Wayne Klassis, Superintendent des Waisenhauses zu Fort Wayne, Ind.

Rev. Carl F. Hehl, D.D., Northeast Ohio Klassis, Herausgeber der **Kirchenzeitung.**

Rev. A. C. Yost, David's Reformierte Kirche in Dayton, Ohio.

B. Besucher:

Rev. A. D. Mohr, Grand View Baptist Church, Des Moines, Iowa.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

John R. Weidler
Theophilus Blaufuß

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Artikel III.

## Organisation.

### 1. Ordnungsregeln.

Die Synode wurde nach den Ordnungsregeln der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten geleitet. Jede Sitzung wurde entweder mit einer Andacht oder mit einem Gottesdienst eröffnet und mit Gebet geschlossen.

Als Schranken des Hauses bestimmte der Präsident die Bänke in dem unteren Teil der Kirche.

### 2. Wahl der Beamten.

Die Wahl des Präsidenten und Vizepräsidenten fand gleich nach dem Eröffnungsgottesdienst statt. Am folgenden Morgen wurde die Organisation vollendet. Die Wahl des Schatzmeisters fand nach Erledigung des Finanzberichtes statt.

Die Beamten der Synode sind:

Präsident: Pastor F. W. Knatz, 2735 North 40th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Vizepräsident: Pastor E. H. Weßler, D.D., 612 Erie Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Ständiger Schreiber: Pastor H. K. Hartmann, Sutton, Nebraska.

Korrespondierender Schreiber: Pastor F. E. Stucki, Waukon, Iowa.

Schatzmeister: Aeltester William Streblow, R. 1, Plymouth, Wisconsin.

Registrar: Pastor C. W. Deglow, R. R. 4, Columbus, Nebraska.

Archivausschuß besteht aus den Pastoren H. T. Vriesen, O. A. Menke, Professor J. Bauer, Ph.D., H. K. Hartmann und Aeltester C. Arnhölter.

### 3. Programm und Geschäftsordnung.

Die im Blaubuch angegebene Geschäftsordnung wurde wie möglich in allen Sitzungen beibehalten.

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Artikel IV.

## Ernennung der Ausschüsse.

**a. Ständige Ausschüsse für 1938.**

1. Gottesdienste: Pastoren F. W. Knatz, H. K. Hartmann, A. J. Krützman; Aelteste: Wm. Streblow und B. Accola.
2. Verhandlungen der Generalsynode: Pastoren E. G. Krampe, Ulrich Zogg und Aeltester C. Weckmüller.
3. Synodalverhandlungen: Pastoren H. K. Hartmann, H. Burkett und Aeltester David Führer.
4. Klassikalverhandlungen: Pastoren R. Rettig, R. Hünemann; Aeltester Emil Ritchard.
5. Schriftliche Eingaben: Pastoren Wm. Oelrich, A. Tendick, Aeltester John Accola.
6. Lehranstalten: Pastoren John Scheib, F. E. Stucki, Aeltester John Dick.

7 und 8. Mission und Kirchbaufonds: Pastoren O. A. Menke, Wm. Vollmann und Aeltester Wm. Eggler.

9. Erziehung: Pastoren John Bodenmann, E. Bührer, H. G. Settlage, Arthur Krüger, Alvin Engelmann, A. Tendick, Geo. F. Zinn, O. Hoffner.
10. Predigerversorgung: Pastoren H. G. Schmid, Jason Hoffmann, Aeltester Geo. Pauly.
11. Wohlfahrtsdienst: Pastoren William Hünemann, Robert Klaudt, Aeltester William Schocker.
12. Haushalterschaft: Pastoren A. C. Fischer, F. W. Knatz, F. Stucki, C. Deglow, K. J. Stübbe, A. Lienkämper, C. Reppert, G. Wolfe, Edw. Evemeyer.
13. Evangelisation: Pastoren A. R. Achtemeier, E. Worthman, Aeltester Henry Barz.
14. Männerliga: Pastoren H. G. Settlage, E. Jaberg, Aeltester John Florin.
15. Frauenmissionsvereine: Pastoren H. C. Nott, G. Grether, Aeltester J. U. Freitag.
16. Studentenunterstützung: Pastoren Ed. L. Worthman, Ed. DeBuhr, Aeltester C. Weckmüller.
17. Publikation: Pastoren Esra Vornholt, J. Mohr, Aeltester Wm. Burrichter.

18 und 19. Nominationen und Wahlen: Pastoren A. Geo. Schmid, H. Lehman, A. O. Engelman, D. E. Bosma, Aelteste John Hauck, B. M. Fresenborg, W. J. Krieger, W. Baumgartner.

20. Finanzen: Pastoren Walter Stuckey, C. Großhüsch, Aeltester Herman Paschen.
21. Presse: Pastoren C. H. Riedesel, C. Flückinger, Aeltester Wm. Reineking.

22. Ratgebende Mitglieder: Pastoren John Seidler, Theo. Blaufuß, C. W. Deglow, Aeltester W. W. Römich.
23. Entschuldigungen: Pastoren C. W. Deglow, E. P. Nuß, Aeltester Jakob Ulmer.
24. Dankesbeschlüsse: Pastoren Victor Weidler, A. A. Graf, Aeltester F. Selberg.
25. Reisevergütungen: Pastoren Paul Träger, L. A. Moser, Aeltester Henry Barz.
26. Justizausschuß: Fall A. Bührer: Pastoren K. J. Stübbe, H. C. Nott, Walter J. Stuckey, Richard Rettig, John Egger, W. J. Krieger, C. H. Riedesel; Aeltester Geo. Herman. Fall B. Ursinus Klassis: Pastoren K. J. Stübbe, John Egger, Walter J. Stuckey, Richard Rettig, C. H. Riedesel, L. A. Moser, W. J. Krieger, Aeltester Geo. Herman.

**b. Spezialausschüsse für 1938.**

I. Eingabe Eureka Klassis. Pastoren E. G. Krampe, John Mohr, Aeltester Henry Neuhaus.

II. Non-Intervention Japan-China. Pastoren Paul Großhüsch, A. Achtemeier, Aeltester Henry Barz.

III. Depping-Pfeiffer Eingabe Konstitutionelle Frage: Pastoren Walter J. Stuckey, A. R. Achtemeier, Aeltester Otto Hochkammer.

IV. Eingabe Generalsynode: Grenzbestimmungen: Pastoren Elmer Jaberg, H. R. Burkett, Aeltester Henry Schemp.

**c. Ständige Ausschüsse für 1939.**

1. Gottesdienste: Pastoren F. W. Knatz, H. K. Hartmann, Aeltester Wm. Streblow, sowie Pastor und Aeltester Primarius der Gemeinde, welche die Synode beherbergt.
2. Synodalverhandlungen: Pastoren H. K. Hartmann, A. Engelmann, Aeltester H. Trautmann.
3. Klassikalverhandlungen: Pastoren Herman Lehman, C. Flückinger, Aeltester John Dick.

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## Artikel V.

## Uebergabe des Blaubuches und anderer Dokumente.

1. Alle Berichte der Behörden wurden nach Regel der Synode in gedruckter Form im Blaubuch den Vorsitzern der betreffenden Ausschüsse zugestellt. Das Blaubuch wurde im Monat August von dem Verlagshaus an die betreffenden Pastoren und delegierten Aeltesten versandt.

2. Aus den eingesandten Klassikalprotokollen wurden nach Regel der Synode alle Religionsberichte an den Präsidenten der Synode, alle Erziehungsberichte sowie Statistik 3 und 4 an den Direktor für Christ-

liche Erziehung, Dr. E. G. Krampe, alle Berichte über Haushalterschaft an den Vorsitzer des betreffenden Ausschusses, Pastor A. C. Fischer, übermittelt. Alle übrigen Protokolle wurden an den Vorsitzer des klassikalen Ausschusses, Pastor R. Rettig, gesandt.

3. Gesuche um Entschuldigungen wurden dem Registrar überwiesen, alle übrigen Dokumente an die betreffenden Ausschüsse, sofern der Inhalt ersichtlich war; alle übrigen dem Ausschuß für Schriftliche Eingaben.

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## Artikel VI.

## Berichte der Beamten.

### 1. Bericht des Präsidenten.

Der Bericht des Präsidenten, Pastor F. W. Knatz, wurde am Mittwoch vormittag verlesen und angenommen. Im Anschluß daran fand die Gedächtnisfeier unter Leitung von Pastor H. C. Nott statt. Der Ständige Schreiber verlas die Endsummen der Statistik, die mit dem Religionsbericht in der Kirchenzeitung veröffentlicht werden sollen.

### Religionsbericht der Synode des Nordwestens, 1938.

Geliebte Brüder!

Einen zulänglichen Religionsbericht unsrer Synode innerhalb eines nicht zu langen Rahmens zu geben ist eine schwere Arbeit. Viel befriedigender, aber zu viel Zeit in Anspruch nehmend, wäre es, wenn sämtliche Religionsberichte der Klassen unverkürzt der Synode vorgelegt werden könnten. Etliche dieser Berichte folgen aufs genauste dem vorgeschriebenen Schema für Parochialberichte, und es ist leicht, sich in denselben durchzufinden. In andern muß man sich mühsam durcharbeiten, und es ist leicht möglich, daß manches den Klassen Wichtige in unserm Synodalbericht übersehen wird.

Auffallend, aber wohl dem Lauf der Zeit folgend, ist die Tatsache, daß von den 10 Klassikalberichten 6 derselben in der Landessprache verfaßt sind, während 4 sich der deutschen Sprache bedienen. Letztere scheint nicht mehr die Muttersprache, sondern die Großmuttersprache geworden zu sein.

Wir wollen nun versuchen, einen alles Wichtige umfassenden Bericht unsrer Synode zu unterbreiten.

#### 1. Die Pastoren und ihre Tätigkeit.

Durchweg preisen unsre Klassikalberichte die Liebe und die Treue unsers Gottes, der unsern Predigern Lust und Freudigkeit zur Verkündigung des Wortes gegeben, ihnen trotz Enttäuschungen und Entmutigungen immer wieder den Sieg gab und in Glaubenskämpfen und Seelenleiden ihr Trost und ihre Stärke gewesen ist.

Mehrere unsrer Brüder waren während des Jahres schwer heimgesucht mit Krankheit und Unglücksfällen. Etliche Pastorsfrauen mußten sich schweren Operationen unterziehen. Einer unsrer Brüder, Past. Albert Lienkämper in der Portland-Oregon-Klassis, verlor seine Gattin; Pastor Jason Hoffman in der Minnesota-Klassis, seine Mutter; und Pastor Peter Bauer in der Eureka-

Klassis seinen ältesten Sohn durch den Tod. Synode drückt allen diesen Heimgesuchten ihre herzliche Teilnahme aus und erfleht für dieselben die stärkende Hilfe und den Trost unsers Gottes.

In finanzieller Beziehung wird im allgemeinen wenig Klage erhoben. Pfarrgehälter wurden in manchen Klassen erhöht. In etlichen Gemeinden ist das Gehalt des Pastors im Rückstand. In einer unsrer Klassen finden sich die Brüder, die Missionsgemeinden bedienen, in finanzieller Verlegenheit, und Klassis beschließt, durch eine spezielle Kollekte diesen Brüdern zu Hilfe zu kommen.

Alle Klassen berichten, daß in pastoraler Tätigkeit ihre Prediger treu und aufopferungsvoll sich ihrem Seelsorger-Amt widmen. Die Predigt des Wortes, Haus- und Krankenbesuche, der Unterricht der Jugend in der Sonntagsschule und in Konfirmandenklassen, sowie die sonstige Arbeit, die einem Prediger des Evangeliums obliegt, wurden gewissenhaft und nach Kräften verrichtet. In etlichen Klassen erstreckt sich die Arbeit eines einzigen Predigers auf von 3 bis 8 Gemeinden. Kein Wunder, daß ein solcher Bruder an seine Klassis berichtet, daß er dabei manchmal unaussprechlich müde geworden ist. Eine andere Klassis berichtet: „Das ist eigentlich zu viel für einen gewöhnlichen Menschen. Diesem Uebelstand könnte dadurch abgeholfen werden, daß die kleineren Gemeinden, wo möglich, zusammengezogen würden."

Das gegenseitige Verhältnis zwischen Predigern und ihren Kirchenräten und Gemeinden ist laut der Klassikalberichte fast ohne Ausnahme ein gutes und erfreuliches. In schönstem Einvernehmen wirken alle zusammen zum Wohl der Gemeinden und zum Aufbau des Reiches Gottes.

### 2. Die Kirchenräte und ihre Tätigkeit.

Ueber die Tätigkeit der Kirchenräte als Mitarbeiter des Pastors durch Haus- und Krankenbesuche berichtet nur eine unsrer Klassen ausführlich. Sie legt das Zeugnis ab, (was wohl ohne Zweifel in andern Klassen bestätigt werden könnte), daß die Kirchenrats-Mitglieder im allgemeinen fähige Männer sind, die bereit sind, sich den Verantwortlichkeiten ihrer Aemter hinzugeben. Eine Gemeinde dieser Klassis verteilt die Namen der Glieder unter die Aeltesten und erwartet von ihnen, daß sie sich befleißigen, das Interesse der ihnen zugeteilten Glieder im Besuch der Gottesdienste, sowie am Gemeindewesen überhaupt, rege zu halten.

Von den meisten Kirchenräten wird berichtet, daß sie treu sind im Besuch der Gottesdienste, und daß sie hierin ein gutes Vorbild der Herde sind. Manche erweisen sich tätig in der Sonntagsschule. Wenige beteiligen sich am Konfirmanden-Unterricht.

Durchweg wird berichtet, daß unsre Kirchenräte treulich für das äußere Anwesen der Gemeinden Sorge tragen und in Gemeinde-Angelegenheiten mit Weisheit und Ueberlegung handeln. Als Ausüber der Bußzucht wird von unsern Kirchenräten nichts erwähnt. Eine Klassis berichtet jedoch, daß die Aeltesten die Pastoren treulich unterstützt haben, ihnen eine große Hilfe waren, auch lässigen Gliedern nachgegangen sind und damit ein sehr gutes Beispiel gegeben haben.

Von ihrer Stellung zur Klassis und Synode, und zur Lehre der Kirche, berichten nur zwei Klassen. Was eine derselben berichtet, dürfte wohl in allen Klassen der Fall sein, nämlich: „Die meisten haben eine wohlwollende Stellung

zur Klassis und Synode gezeigt, und auch eine entschiedene Stellung zur Lehre der Kirche."

### 3. Die Gemeinden und ihre Tätigkeit.

#### a) Innerer Zustand.

Ueber den Besuch der Gottesdienste läßt sich nicht ein allgemeines Wort reden. In manchen Gemeinden wird derselbe als ein guter berichtet; bei andern heißt es: „er könnte besser sein." Viele, angezogen von der Welt und Weltlichem, und durch Gleichgültigkeit, halten sich vom Hause Gottes fern. In solchen Klassen, wo wegen weit zerstreuter Gemeinden „Lese-Gottesdienste" eine Notwendigkeit sind, vernimmt man die Klage, daß solche Gottesdienste, besonders in den Städten, sich nur einer geringen Teilnahme erfreuen. Eine Klassis berichtet darüber: „Das mag in etwa seinen Grund darin haben, daß die wirklich guten Predigt-Leser in den betreffenden Gemeinden fehlen; der Hauptgrund ist aber entschieden Gleichgültigkeit."

Im allgemeinen aber scheint ein wirkliches Verlangen vorhanden zu sein nach dem Wort Gottes, — ein Hunger und Durst nach dem, das die Welt uns nicht bieten kann.

Die Beteiligung am heiligen Abendmahl läßt auch viel zu wünschen übrig. Während eine Klassis berichtet, daß in einigen Gemeinden alle, die sich zu den sonntäglichen Gottesdiensten versammeln, auch zum Tisch des Herrn kommen, so tritt auch die Klage ans Licht, daß viele die Bedeutung dieses Sakraments nicht zu verstehen scheinen und dem Tisch des Herrn fern bleiben.

Es ist ohne Zweifel schwer zu konstatieren, wie weit sich unsre Gemeindeglieder des Gebets befleißigen. Das Gebet im Kämmerlein wird gewöhnlich nicht breitgetragen. Jedoch sind alle Klassikalberichte darin einig, daß Hausandachten immer seltener werden. Eine Klassis äußert die Befürchtung, daß die Familien-Andacht sich auf die Tischgebete, meistens von Kindern gesprochen, beschränkt. Eine andre sagt: „Wir bezweifeln, daß in jedem Haus Hausandacht gehalten wird." Eine dritte Klassis berichtet, daß als Anleitung zur Hausandacht der Abreißkalender noch vielfach gebraucht wird.

Mit Bezug auf das Almosen und die christliche Wohltätigkeit gibt es auch kein einstimmiges Urteil. Wohl dürfte die Aeußerung einer unsrer Klassen: „Die Wohltätigkeit befindet sich trotz allen Wünschen einer guten Besserung immer noch nicht auf dem Weg völliger Genesung," in unsrer ganzen Synode ihre Bestätigung finden. Etliche unsrer Gemeinden haben das Ziel der völlig bezahlten Auflage erreicht; die meisten aber nicht. Wohl können verschiedene Verhältnisse hieran Schuld haben. Man redet von „Dürre" und „mageren Jahren"; und sicherlich wird die jetzige „recession" auch ein gut Teil beitragen; aber im großen und ganzen liegt die Ursache tiefer. Viel Wahrheit liegt in der Aeußerung einer unsrer Klassen: „Infolge menschlicher Berechnung wird das von Gott geforderte christliche Almosen leider ein unchristliches."

Ueber doktrinäres Verhältnis berichten die Klassen, die der Sache überhaupt Erwähnung tun, daß ihre Pastoren und Gemeinden in der Lehre noch konservativ sind und sich bis jetzt vom Modernismus ziemlich frei gehalten haben. Im allgemeinen wird die gute Lehre des Wortes Gottes betont, und wir predigen Jesum Christum, den Gekreuzigten, und daß der Mensch gerettet und selig wird durch die Gnade Gottes allein, auf Grund des Verdienstes Jesu Christi, seines Sohnes.

Die christliche Erziehung wird in unsrer Synode im allgemeinen treulich gepflegt. In Sonntagsschulen, Konfirmanden-Unterricht, Gemeindeschulen, Jugendvereinen und sonstigen christlichen Verbänden sucht man der Aufforderung unsers Heilandes: „Weide meine Lämmer, weide meine Schafe" nachzukommen. Man beklagt eine Unempfänglichkeit für christliche Literatur, obwohl einige unsrer Gemeinden es erreicht haben, unsre deutschen oder englischen Kirchenblätter in jedes Heim in der Gemeinde zu bringen. Immerhin bleibt doch die Predigt des Wortes Gottes und die kindlich-gläubige Erklärung desselben der Hauptfaktor in der christlichen Erziehung, und darin suchen wir uns zu erweisen als rechtschaffene und unsträfliche Arbeiter, die da recht teilen das Wort der Wahrheit.

### b) Aeußerer Zustand.

Fast durchweg sind unsre Gemeinden beflissen, ihr Kircheneigentum in gutem Zustand zu erhalten. Verbesserungen wurden überall unternommen und durchgeführt. Neuanstrich von Kirchen und Pfarrhäusern, Vergrößerung und Verschönerung der Gotteshäuser, Anschaffung von neuem Heizapparat und Möbel usw. — alles dies bekundet vor der Welt eine Liebe zum Haus Gottes.

Eine neue Kirche wurde im Lauf des Jahres errichtet, nämlich in Kiel in der Sheboygan-Klassis — ein prächtiges Gebäude, eine Zierde für die Umgebung und eine Freude für die Glieder der Gemeinde.

Mehrere Gemeinden berichten Verringerung und völlige Abzahlung der Gemeindeschulden.

### 4. Jubiläen und außergewöhnliche Feste.

Hier wird es nötig sein, ins einzelne einzugehen, und wo möglich Namen zu nennen. Wir zitieren nach Klassen:

Sheboygan-Klassis: Die Bethel-Gemeinde in Town Herman und unser Missionshaus feierten ihr 75., Ebenezer in Sheboygan ihr 25. Jubiläum und Newton das 10. Jahresfest des jetzigen Pastorats.

Milwaukee-Klassis: Monticello-, Dane-, und Juneau-Gemeinden feierten ihr 50. Jubiläum.

Nebraska-Klassis: Zwei Amtsbrüder, ungenannt, durften das 30. beziehungsweise das 40. Jahr ihrer Ordination feiern. Die Immanuels-Gemeinde in Sutton feierte ihr 60. Jubiläum, und die Zions-Gemeinde in Harvard gedenkt, diesen Herbst ihr 50. Jubiläum zu feiern.

Ursinus-Klassis: Pastor O. J. Engelmann feierte das 40., Pastor D. E. Bosma das 25., und Pastor Arthur Kruetzman das 10. Jahr seines Amtsantritts.

West-Canada-Klassis: Die Salems-Gemeinde in Winnipeg feierte letztes Jahr ihr 30jähriges Jubiläum.

Eureka-Klassis: In einer Gemeinde wurde das 30jährige Jubiläum des Bestehens der Gemeinde nebst einigen andern Festen gefeiert.

### 5. Nekrolog.

Laut Klassikalberichten sind im Lauf des Jahres folgende Prediger und Aelteste zu ihrer letzten Ruhe eingegangen:

Sheboygan-Klassis: Pastor Wm. F. Horstmeier, D.D., und Pastor Gilbert Wernecke von Manitowoc. Aelteste: Julius Bartelt von Elmore, Wil-

liam Paschen von Kaukauna, Gustav Helming und Adolph Rodewald, beide von Zion, Sheboygan.

Milwaukee-Klassis: Pastor Roland Kuentzel, Aeltester Caspar Accola.

Ursinus-Klassis: Pastor J. Christ und die Aeltesten Charles Freese von Wheatland und Gustav F. Paulsen von der Monticello-Gemeinde.

Eureka-Klassis: Aeltester Martin Preßler von der Hosmer-Gemeinde, und ein Aeltester von der Zeeland-Pfarrstelle.

#### 6. Kirchenvereinigung.

Hierüber zitiere ich aus den Klassikalberichten wie folgt:

*Sheboygan Classis:* "Church Union has gone beyond the theoretical stage in our Classis; for three actual unions of Reformed and Evangelical congregations took place during the past year, namely: the Colby congregation united with the "E" congregation of that place; First Reformed in Appleton united with St. John's Evangelical congregation of that city, and Trinity Reformed congregation in Elkhart Lake united with St. John's Evangelical congregation of that village. Splendid harmony prevails in all these charges, and definite progress is being made. Both the Curtiss-Colby and Appleton charges have become self-supporting as a result of these unions."

*Milwaukee Classis:* "The months of Milwaukee Classis are numbered; soon its books will close. May God bless the new organizations. As co-laborers with God let us work in the name of the Master, sow the seed in faith. The real and lasting result of the work of the past must prove itself in the faith and conduct of our constituency; we have sowed and watered, the increase is with God."

*Ursinus Classis:* "The Ledyard church is in the process of a merger with the "E" congregation there, the Executive Committee of Classis working together with the pastor, the Superintendent of the Department of the Northwest, the President of the Iowa District of the "E" group, and a committee of four each of the "E" congregation and the "R" congregation of Ledyard."

*Portland-Oregon Classis:* "As we approach the consummation of our union with the Evangelical Synod of North America, may we yield ourselves to God. May we catch a glimpse of a higher and yet a common goal, and so be prepared for the change—all, that God's will may be done, and His Kingdom come."

*California Classis:* "An outstanding event, perhaps, of the year was the merging of Trinity Church in West Hollywood and the Evangelical Church of Hollywood. This was beautifully and substantially accomplished with great credit to all concerned. The Classis joins in hearty felicitations and sincere wishes."

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

F. W. Knatz, Präsident der Synode.

## 2. Bericht des Ständigen Schreibers.

Der Bericht wurde wie folgt als Ganzes angenommen:

Liebe Brüder:

Die verschiedenen Beschlüsse, die dem Schreiber bei der Synodesitzung

übergeben wurden, sowie die sonstige Arbeit und Korrespondenz, hat der Unterzeichnete in dem verflossenen Synodaljahr nach bestem Wissen und Gewissen ausgeführt. Die Exekutive wurde davon entsprechend unterrichtet.

Folgende gedruckte Verhandlungen anderer Kirchenkörper sind dem Ständigen Schreiber zugegangen und werden nach Sitzung der Synode dem Archiv übergeben werden:

1. Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod 1937
2. Minutes of Mid-West Synod 1937
3. Blue Book Eastern Synod 1938
4. Minutes of Eastern Synod 1938
5. Minutes of Reading Classis 1938
6. Minutes of Ohio Synod 1937 and 1938

Das Verlagshaus hatte noch vor Ablauf des alten Jahres den ersten Druck der Synodalverhandlungen eingesandt, doch nahm die Korrespondenz über den Druck der Statistik so viel Zeit in Anspruch, daß die Verhandlungen wiederum etwas spät versandt werden konnten. Der Beschluß der Synode erwies sich schließlich als unpraktisch und unweise, sodaß dem Verlagshaus diese Arbeit übergeben werden mußte.

Nach Regel der Synode wurden die Religionsberichte, die Berichte über Erziehung und Haushalterschaft aus den Klassikalverhandlungen herausgenommen und den betreffenden Ausschüssen zur Durchsicht übergeben, wie auch alle andere Dokumente an die betreffenden Ausschüsse überwiesen, deren Inhalt ersichtlich war.

Die Statistik wurde in diesem Jahr wiederum von dem Schreiber der Generalsynode Ihrem Schreiber zugesandt, doch mußten einige Korrekturen gemacht werden.

Die Adressenliste für die Blaubücher und Synodalverhandlungen wurde mit größter Sorgfalt revidiert, doch muß das Verlagshaus irgendwie einen Fehler begangen haben, da es anstatt der bestellten 24 Extra Exemplare von Blaubüchern 85 Exemplare an den Unterzeichneten sandte. Es steht somit eine ganze Anzahl derselben den Brüdern zur Verfügung, die solche noch wünschen.

Im übrigen kann Unterzeichneter sagen, daß er von den Brüdern in den anderen Klassen und von den Gliedern der Exekutive jegliche Hilfe erhalten hat und alles in größter Eintracht erledigen konnte.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,
H. K. Hartmann, Ständiger Schreiber.

## 3. Bericht des Schatzmeisters.

### I. Synodalkasse.

**Einnahmen:**

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| Kassenbestand am 24. August 1937 | | $3906.36 |
| Portland-Oregon Klassis 1936–1937 Auflage | $ 40.00 | |
| Süd Dakota Klassis Auflage | 203.50 | |
| Erhalten von Reserve Fonds | 3000.00 | |
| California Klassis Auflage | 66.40 | |
| Ursinus Klassis Auflage | 207.00 | |
| West Canada Klassis | 105.10 | |
| Eureka Klassis | 189.30 | |

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| Nebraska Klassis | 79.50 | |
| Sheboygan Klassis | 848.90 | |
| Milwaukee Klassis | 607.05 | |
| Portland-Oregon Klassis | 73.70 | |
| Minnesota Klassis | 330.70 | 5751.15 |
| Summa | | $9657.51 |

**Ausgaben:**

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| Meilengelder | $1430.43 |
| Rev. K. J. Stübbe, Porto und Telegramm | .83 |
| Rev. H. K. Hartmann, Schreiberauslagen 1936–37 | 36.52 |
| Mission House, Printing and Duplicating reports | 1.80 |
| Central Publishing House, Blue Books | 159.97 |
| Pastor Paul Land, Hafenmission 1936–37 | 272.60 |
| Pastor H. K. Hartman, Schreibergehalt | 200.00 |
| Zion Reformed Church, Harvard, **Loan** | 350.00 |
| Pastor A. E. Fischer, Reisekosten | 43.00 |
| Pastor Wm. Hünemann, Druck und Porto Referat Dr. J. Friedli | 103.41 |
| Pastor R. Rettig, Reisekosten | 5.52 |
| Pastor F. W. Knatz, Telephon-Gebühren | .60 |
| Missionshaus Jubiläumsfonds | 2500.00 |
| Verlagshaus, Druck der Verhandlungen | 477.51 |
| Verlagshaus, 3 Cents per member Annuity Bonds | 819.63 |
| Missionshaus, Reisekosten der Behörden | 52.90 |
| Missionshaus, Janitor-Arbeit Synode | 10.00 |
| Missionshaus, Reiseauslagen der Behörde im Frühjahr | 23.76 |
| Pastor Hartmann, Schreiberauslagen 1938 | 25.00 |
| Pastor F. Stucki, Reiseauslagen, Ausschuß-Sitzung | 13.40 |
| Pastor K. J. Stübbe, Reiseauslagen, Ausschuß-Sitzung | 19.94 |
| Wm. Streblow, Auslagen | 3.25 |
| Summa | $6550.07 |

**Zusammenstellung:**

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| Ganze Einnahmen | $9657.51 |
| Ganze Ausgaben | 6550.07 |

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| Kassenbestand am 1. Sept. 1938 | $3107.44 |
| Noten von Zion Reformed Church, Harvard, Neb. | 350.00 |

II. Synodal-Reserve-Fonds:

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| Bestand des Fonds am 24. August 1937 | $4274.13 | |
| Zinsen | 55.90 | |
| | | $4330.03 |
| An die Synodalkasse ausbezahlt | | 3000.00 |
| Bestand des Fonds am 1. September 1938 | | $1330.03 |

III. Kasse für Studentenunterstützung:

**Einnahmen:**

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| Kassenbestand am 24. August 1937 | | $ 970.24 |
| Sheboygan Klassis, Pastor O. A. Menke | | 519.85 |
| Milwaukee Klassis: J. J. Figi | | |
| Barneveld Ref. Gem. | $ .81 | |
| Juneau Ref. Gem. | 12.05 | |
| Milwaukee, Immanuel | 43.75 | |

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| New Glarus Ref. Gem. | 54.38 | |
| Verona Ref. Gem | 1.38 | |
| Town Washington Ref. Gem. | 35.00 | |
| Wayne Ref. Gem. | 15.34 | |
| Monticello Ref. Gem. | 45.00 | |
| Waukesha Ref. Gem. | 81.25 | |
| Pewaukee Ref. Gem. | 5.00 | |
| Sauk City Ref. Gem. | 15.00 | |
| West Bend Ref. Gem. | 15.19 | |
| Madison Ref. Gem. | 3.93 | 328.08 |
| Minnesota Klassis: Rev. E. Großhüsch | | |
| Hamburg Ref. Gem. | $ 5.00 | |
| Zions Ref. Gem., Waukon | 25.29 | |
| Immanuels Ref. Gem., Klemme | 21.00 | |
| West Concord Ref. Gem. | 6.00 | |
| Garner Ref. Gem. | 7.21 | |
| Ludlow Ref. Gem. | 20.00 | |
| Bongards Ref. Gem. | 15.00 | |
| Dahlgreen Ref. Gem. | 10.00 | |
| La Crosse Ref. Gem. | 10.00 | |
| Mormon Coulee Ref. Gem. | 5.00 | |
| | | 124.50 |
| Nebraska Klassis: | | |
| Gruetli $5.00; Bethel Ref. Gem., Past. Deglow | $ 10.00 | |
| Peace Ref. Gem., Pastor E. H. Riedesel | 10.00 | |
| Salem Ref. Gem., Pastor A. Engelmann | 5.00 | |
| | | 25.00 |
| Süd Dakota, Pastor A. Kurtz | | 101.20 |
| Ursinus Klassis, Pastor D. E. Bosma | | 51.00 |
| Eureka Klassis: | | |
| Kulm Ref. Gem., Pastor E. Kämpchen | | 3.10 |
| California Klassis: J. Mettler, Jr. | | 16.65 |
| Portland-Oregon Klassis: | | |
| Bethany Ref. Gem., E. Horstmann | | 9.90 |
| Zurückbezahlt von Allen Herman, Waukon, Iowa | | 350.00 |
| Summa | | $2499.52 |

**Ausgaben:**

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| Carl Ringer | $110.00 | |
| Walter Odenbach | 110.00 | |
| Orville Schrör | 150.00 | |
| Willard Sherman | 107.50 | |
| Harvey Norenberg | 107.50 | |
| Dilman Rodel | 150.00 | |
| H. Römer | 150.00 | |
| Gordon Robinson | 110.00 | |
| Fred Drucker | 103.50 | 1098.50 |
| Kassenbestand am 1. Sept. 1938 | | $1401.02 |

Achtungsvoll,

Wm. Streblow, Schatzmeister.

Handlung der Synode:

Der Bericht wurde dem Finanzausschuß überwiesen, von diesem geprüft und später angenommen.

## 4. Bericht der Exekutivbeamten.

Der folgende Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen:

An die Synode des Nordwestens:

Liebe Brüder! Die Exekutive der Synode hat die ihr aufgetragenen Geschäfte meistens durch Rundschreiben erledigt, die in einer Sitzung am 7. September gutgeheißen wurden und sofern noch unerledigt waren, erledigt wurden.

1. Alle Anweisungen an den Schatzmeister wurden gegeben und ausgeführt:

   a. Auszahlung von $2500.00 an das Missionshaus,
   b. Auszahlung an Pastor Land, Hafenmission,
   c. Annuity=Zinsen für das Verlagshaus,
   d. Kleinere Beträge, Auslagen von der Synodalsitzung vom letzten Jahr.

2. Die Anweisung der Synode inbezug Druckes der Statistik hat sich als unpraktisch erwiesen. Die Arbeit mußte von dem Verlagshaus ausgeführt werden.

3. Der Nebraska=Klassis wurde die quittierte Note zurückgegeben.

4. Alle anderen Geschäfte wurden von dem Schreiber ausgeführt, wie die anliegenden Dokumente bezeugen, die dem Archiv der Synode mit allen anderen Dokumenten einverleibt werden.

5. Die Harvard=Pfarrstelle teilt mit, daß sie mit Pastor Green für $350.00 sich geeinigt habe und verspricht, diese Summe wie folgt zurückzubezahlen:

Je $116.67 in drei Raten am 15. November 1938, 1939, 1940 mit 5% Zinsen zahlbar an Mr. Streblow in Plymouth, Wisconsin, or successor.

6. Die Mitteilung von Mr. Wetzel war zufriedenstellend und der Auszahlung der Annuity=Zinsen stand nichts im Wege.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,
Die Exekutive:
F. W. Knatz
H. K. Hartman
Wm. Streblow

## 5. Bericht des Ausschusses für Archiv.

An die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens:

Liebe Brüder! Ihr Ausschuß, welcher zur Verwaltung und Ordnung des Archivs ernannt wurde, hat im vergangenen Synodaljahr die ihm überwiesene Arbeit weitergeführt und fortgesetzt. Wir haben versucht, die Sachen, welche den Klassen zukommen, in den respektiven Behältern unterzubringen. Die Dokumente und Schriften der Synode sind in dem vorhandenen „Filing Cabinet" nach Jahrgängen niedergelegt worden.

Unter den verschiedenen Papieren und Schriftstücken ist natürlich manches von minderwertiger Bedeutung. Vielleicht dürfte es ratsam sein, im Lauf der Zeit eine Sichtung vorzunehmen und Minderwertiges zu entfernen, um Raum für wertvollere Dokumente und Sachen zu gewinnen.

Es sind noch einige Hundert Exemplare „Geschichte der Deutschen Synode

des Nordwestens 1867 bis 1917" vorhanden. Das Büchlein bietet eine vortreffliche Zusammenstellung der wichtigsten Daten und Tatsachen im Werdegang unserer Synode. Wir möchten empfehlen, daß diese Bände zu einem nominellen Preis den Pastoren der „E"-Gruppe angeboten werden, um ihnen Gelegenheit zu geben, sich über unsere Synode zu orientieren.

Achtungsvoll,

H. T. Briesen
Otto A. Menke
Carl Anhölter

Handlung der Synode:

Der Bericht wurde als ganzes angenommen und der Ausschuß für ein weiteres Jahr beibehalten. Der Ständige Schreiber soll diesem Ausschuß beigefügt werden. Der Ausschuß soll der Synode einen bestimmten Preis für die noch übrigen Exemplare der „Geschichte der deutschen Synode des Nordwestens" vorschlagen und empfehlen.

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Artikel VII.

## Mitteilungen der Exekutive der Generalsynode.

Die Mitteilungen der Generalsynode waren allen Delegaten im Blaubuch, Seite 77–79, zur Kenntnis gebracht worden.

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Artikel VIII.

## Berichte der Ausschüsse.

### 1. Gottesdienste.

Der Bericht wurde wie folgt angenommen:

Bericht über Gottesdienste.

Ihr Ausschuß unterbreitet folgendes Programm für die Sitzungen der Synode:

Dienstag, September 6, 7:30 P.M.
Eröffnungsgottesdienst, Pastor F. W. Knatz, Primarius,
Pastor E. H. Weßler, D.D., Secundus.

Mittwoch, Sept. 7.
8:30 A.M. Andacht und Vorbereitung zum heiligen Abendmahl.
Pastor R. Klaudt, Primarius,
Pastor O. A. Menke, Secundus.
2:00 P.M. Vortrag von Pastor H. T. Briesen.
8:00 P.M. Abendgottesdienst: Indianer-Mission.
Pastor B. Stucki, Primarius,
Pastor F. Stucki, Secundus.

Donnerstag, Sept. 8.
8:30 A.M. Morgen-Andacht.
Pastor John Bodenman.

8:00 P.M. Abendgottesdienst: Christliche Erziehung.
Pastor E. H. Weßler, Primarius,
Pastor J. Scheib, Secundus.

Freitag, 9. September.
8:30 A.M. Morgenandacht und Feier des heiligen Abendmahls.
Pastor L. A. Moser, Primarius,
Pastor E. Flückinger, Secundus.

Samstag, 10. September.
8:30 A.M. Morgenandacht.
Pastor H. R. Burkett.

Sonntag, 11. September.
60. Jahresfeier der Gemeinde und Missionsfest.
10:00 A.M. Sonntagsschule: Erwachsene Klasse: Pastor G. Grether; Intermediate: Pastor P. Franzmeier.
11:00 A.M. Prof. K. J. Ernst, D.D., Primarius,
Pastor Herman Lehmann, Secundus.
3:00 P.M. Nachmittagsgottesdienst.
Pastor P. Kohler, Primarius,
Pastor John Mohr, Secundus.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

F. W. Knatz
H. K. Hartmann
A. J. Krützmann
Wm. Streblow
A. E. Accola

**Andere Reden und Ansprachen.**

1. Am Mittwoch nachmittag wurde das von der Synode angeordnete Referat von Pastor H. T. Vriesen verlesen.

2. Den Vertretern der verschiedenen Behörden wurde Gelegenheit gegeben, im Interesse der betreffenden Zweige unserer kirchlichen Arbeit zur Synode zu reden und etwaige Fragen zu beantworten.

Es redeten:

Pastor John C. Horning, D.D., Vertreter der Einheimischen Missionsbehörde.

Pastor A. G. Schmid, Vertreter des Departements der Synode des Nordwestens der Einheimischen Missionsbehörde.

Pastor Paul Großhüsch, D.D., Präsident des Missionshauses.

Pastor A. Stienecker, Hausvater des Waisenhauses in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Pastor H. G. Schmid, Vertreter des Altenheims in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Pastor E. G. Krampe, D.D., Direktor für Christliche Erziehung der Synode des Nordwestens.

Pastor Carl F. Heyl, D.D., Herausgeber der Kirchenzeitung.

Pastor R. Rettig, Vertreter der Christlichen Erziehung der Generalsynode.

Pastor H. C. Nott, D.D., Vertreter der Predigerunterstützung.

Fräulein Helen Nott, Vertreterin der Frauen-Missionssache der Generalsynode.

Der Inhalt der verschiedenen Ansprachen wurde den betreffenden Ausschüssen überwiesen.

3. Die Erziehungskonferenz fand am Mittwoch nachmittag unter Leitung von Pastor E. G. Krampe, D.D., statt.

4. Die Konferenz über Haushalterschaft fand am Freitag nachmittag unter Leitung von Pastor E. H. Weßler für die Aeltesten und Pastor A. C. Fischer für die Pastoren statt.

## 2. Verhandlungen der Generalsynode.

Der folgende Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen.

(Uebersetzung)

An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Ihr Ausschuß möchte folgendes ergebenst berichten:

1. Daß kein Exemplar der Verhandlungen der Generalsynode von 1938 Ihrem Ausschuß zugegangen ist und daß aus diesem Grund kein Bericht darüber gegeben werden kann.

2. Inbezug auf die Ausführungen des Exekutivausschusses der Generalsynode, Seite 77–79 in dem Blaubuch, das Ihrem Ausschuß überwiesen wurde, findet Ihr Ausschuß, daß diese Ausführungen in Wirklichkeit dieselben sind, wie sie den Klassen bei ihren Frühjahrssitzungen zugegangen sind und daher keine weitere Handlung vonseiten der Synode erfordern.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

E. G. Krampe
U. Zogg
C. Weckmüller

## 3. Synodalverhandlungen.

### Bericht des Ausschusses für Synodalverhandlungen.

An die Synode des Nordwestens:

Liebe Brüder! In den letztjährigen Verhandlungen der Synode sind die folgenden Punkte, welche die Aufmerksamkeit der Synode erfordern und hiermit in entsprechender Gruppierung zur Kenntnis der Synode gebracht werden:

I. Ausschüsse, die in diesem Jahr berichten sollen:

1. Spezialausschuß VI. Seite 17 und 39. Zwei Berichte des Spezialausschusses III von 1937: Verhältnis der Synode des Nordwestens und des Missionshauses zur Verschmelzung: Pastoren: K. J. Ernst, K. J. Stübbe, E. H. Weßler, F. Stucki, Aeltester Wm. Klumb.

2. Spezialausschuß VII. Studentenunterstützung. Seite 17 und 63. Pastoren Ruben Hünemann, E. D. Bosma, Aeltester H. Neuhaus.

3. Spezialausschuß VIII. Eingabe Pastor E. G. Pfeiffer — Sonntagsschulliteratur, Seite 17 und 56: Pastoren Wm. Hünemann, Prof. A. Grether und Aeltester H. Neuhaus.

II. Empfehlungen und Verweisung an die Klassen:

1. Die Synode hat den Klassen alle verschiedenen Zweige der kirchlichen Arbeit zur energischen Unterstützung empfohlen. Diese Verhandlungen in den Berichten der verschiedenen Ausschüsse finden sich auf den Seiten: 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 und 63.

Der Ausschuß für Klassikalverhandlungen muß in seinem Bericht über die Handlungen der verschiedenen Klassen berichten.

2. Empfehlung der Exekutive Seite 24, Punkt 2. Alle Klassen sollen sogleich nach Sitzung den Erziehungsbericht an den Direktor für Christliche Erziehung einreichen.

3. Zahlung von 3 Cents pro konfirmiertes Glied für Deckung der Leibrentenzinsen des Verlagshauses durch klassikale Auflage. (Seite 66).

4. Zahlung von ½Cent pro konfirmiertes Glied an die Hafenmission. Stehende Regel, Seite 66.

III. Aufträge an die Beamten:

1. Exekutive soll bei der Exekutive der Generalsynode um die nötigen Exemplare der Statistik des Nordwestens ersuchen, die den Synodalberichten beigefügt werden sollen, Seite 25.

2. Seite 26. Die Nebraska-Klassis soll die quittierte Note von $75.00 zurückerhalten.

3. Seite 28. Veröffentlichung des Vortrages von Prof. J. Friedli.

4. Seite 32. Uebermittlung des Berichts über Sabbatheiligung an den Vertreter der Lord's Day Alliance in Milwaukee.

5. Seite 55. Exekutive soll direkt an die Pastoren die Beschlüsse inbetreff des 20,000-Klub-Plans übermitteln.

6. Seite 60. Konferenz für Haushalterschaft soll angeordnet werden.

7. Seite 72. Ein Referent für 1938 soll ernannt werden.

8. Ort und Stunde der nächsten Jahressitzung soll von Exekutive bestimmt werden. Seite 72.

9. Seite 70. Pastor H. C. Nott soll Dankesbeschlüsse übermitteln.

10. Seite 73. Korrespondierender Schreiber soll Beileidsschreiben an die Familie Rodewald übermitteln.

11. Seite 73. Pastor H. C. Nott soll Grüße an die Synode des Mittelwestens übermitteln.

IV. Verschiedenes.

1. Seite 48. Pastor J. Bodenman soll noch weiter in der Rußlandhilfe Gaben sammeln.

Achtungsvoll,

Der Ausschuß:

H. K. Hartmann
H. Burkett
David Führer

Handlung der Synode:

I. 1, 2, 3 auf den Tisch gelegt bis die betreffenden Ausschüsse berichten werden, dann wurden die Punkte aufgenommen und als erledigt erklärt.

II. 1. Auf den Tisch gelegt bis der Ausschuß für Klassikalverhandlungen berichten würde, dann vom Tisch aufgenommen und als erledigt erklärt.

2. Erledigt durch den Ausschuß der Erziehungsbehörde.
3. Geschehen.
4. Dem Ausschuß für Finanzen überwiesen.

III. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 wurden auf den Tisch gelegt bis die Exekutive berichten sollte, dann aufgenommen und als erledigt erklärt.

3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Protokolliert: Erledigt.

IV. 1. Auf den Tisch gelegt, bis der Bericht gegeben wurde, dann aufgenommen und als erledigt erklärt.

Dann wurde der Bericht als Ganzes angenommen.

### I. 1. Bericht des Spezialausschusses VI.

(Uebersetzung)

Der ganze Bericht befindet sich im englischen Teil der Verhandlungen. Die Empfehlungen werden hier in Uebersetzung gegeben:

Wir empfehlen die folgenden Erklärungen und Vorschläge zur Annahme:

1. Wir stimmen darin überein, daß der Sohn Gottes sich seine Kirche durch seinen Geist und sein Wort versammle, schütze und erhalte, und daß er uns zu dem Predigtamt seines Wortes berufen hat und zwar in einer Welt, die von Natur feindlich gegen Gott und gegen seine Selbstoffenbarung ist. Wie bei den Propheten und Aposteln, so wird auch unser Predigtamt allein dann sich richtig betätigen, wenn es durch seine Gnade Zeugnis ablegt von seiner Selbstoffenbarung.

2. Wir stimmen ferner darin überein, daß in seiner gnädigen Weisheit der Sohn Gottes und das Haupt seiner allgemeinen Kirche uns und unseren Lehrern jene „Väter" gegeben hat, deren Wort und Zeugnis uns in die Lage versetzt hat, uns in die Gemeinschaft derer zu bringen, die dem Wort Gottes glauben. Um seinetwillen und allein um seinetwillen geben wir die gebührende Ehre unseren Vätern im Glauben.

3. Um Jesu Christi willen, fordern wir für uns und für unsere Gemeinden die Freiheit, an dem Bekenntnis festzuhalten, das unsere kirchlichen Behörden in einem Ordinations-Gelübde (Eid) von uns fordern. Wir tun dies, weil besondere Vorkehrungen in der neuen Konstitution der Evangelischen und Reformierten Kirche uns die Ansicht aufdrängen, daß ihr Begriff von der Natur und der Tätigkeit der Kirche und des Predigtamtes von dem verschieden ist, was uns in dem Wort Gottes gelehrt wurde und was auszuüben und zu lehren wir unter einem ganz besonderen Ordinationsgelübde (Eid) zu unserem Herrn Jesus Christus stehen.

4. Wir ersuchen die Ohio-Synode, die Midwest-Synode und die Synode des Ostens der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten ergebenst, sich uns in dem Gesuch an die Evangelische und Reformierte Kirche, die Existenz

des Missionshauses aufrecht zu erhalten, anzuschließen, dessen Gliederschaft ihm durch die Neugestaltung von Synoden entzogen wurde, und für eine entsprechende Unterstützung wie auch die Erhaltung und den Charakter des Missionshauses als einer Schule, die der Theologie des Wortes Gottes in dem Geist des Heidelberger Katechismus gewidmet ist.

5. Wir ersuchen ergebenst die Behörde des Missionshauses, solche konstitutionelle Vorkehrungen zu treffen, die es uns ermöglichen, ihm unsere aktive Unterstützung zu geben in Uebereinstimmung mit unserem Ordinationsgelübde.

6. Wir ersuchen ergebenst die Generalsynode der Evangelischen und Reformierten Kirche, ihren Begriff von der Natur und Tätigkeit der Kirche und ihres Predigtamtes in Wiedererwägung zu ziehen und solche Aenderungen zu machen, sei es durch Einschiebungen, Abänderungen oder Streichung in der neuen Konstitution, die Ausdruck verleihen werden zu ihrer Abmachung und Verbindlichkeit mit der Auffassung der Funktion des Predigtamtes des Wortes Gottes in der Kirche, wodurch die Reformierte Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten in der Lage war, von ihren Pastoren ein Amtsgelübde zu fordern und wobei die Evangelische Synode von Nordamerika wenigstens eine zeitweilige Uebersicht über ihre Kandidaten für das Predigtamt des Wortes Gottes vor der endgültigen Zulassung zu dem heiligen Amt festhält.

7. Wir ersuchen unsere Klassen, ihre Identität solange festzuhalten, bis die Generalsynode das Eigentum übernommen hat, an welchem sie jetzt ein Interesse haben. Vernachlässigung hiervon bringt den Verlust aller gesetzlichen Rechte mit sich.

8. Wir empfehlen, daß die Synode einen oder mehrere Vertreter ernenne, die unser Gesuch unseren Schwestersynoden und Miteigentümern des Missionshauses persönlich bei ihrer nächsten Jahressitzung unterbreiten.

9. Wir empfehlen, die Punkte 11 und 12 des ersten Berichtes des Ausschusses von 1937 an den Ausschuß für Christliche Erziehung zu überweisen.

Achtungsvoll,

K. J. Ernst
E. H. Weßler
Frank E. Stucki
K. J. Stübbe

Handlung der Synde:

Der Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen mit dem Zusatz, daß Past. E. H. Weßler, D.D., die Synode des Nordwestens bei den Schwestersynoden, die an dem Missionshaus beteiligt sind, vertreten soll, wie auch bei der Exekutive der Generalsynode.

## Spezialausschuß VII von 1937.

### Folgender Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen.

(Uebersetzung)

An die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Ihr Ausschuß möchte auf die Tatsache aufmerksam machen, daß die Verhandlungen der Synode vom Jahr 1937, Seite 63, den Eindruck erwecken, als ob dieser Ausschuß ernannt sei, einen Fonds für Studen-

tenunterstützung zu sammeln. In dieser Hinsicht geben die Verhandlungen eine unklare Darstellung von dem Zweck dieses Ausschusses. In Wirklichkeit wurde Ihr Ausschuß ernannt, um Mittel und Wege zu finden, um einen permanenten Fonds für Studentenunterstützung ins Leben zu rufen.

Diese Frage wurde von Ihrem Ausschuß reichlich erwogen und er möchte folgendes zur Beschlußnahme empfehlen:

Da die Sache der Studentenunterstützung im Einklang mit dem Theologischen Seminar der Kirche betrachtet werden muß, und

Da in unserem Teil der Kirche die Lage des Missionshauses in Frage kommt, und weil diese Frage von einem anderen Ausschuß unserer Synode behandelt wird,

So empfehlen wir, daß diese ganze Sache inbezug auf Gründung eines permanenten Fonds für Studentenunterstützung bis auf unbestimmte Zeit auf den Tisch gelegt werde.

Ruben Hünemann
D. E. Bosma
Henry Neuhaus

### Spezialausschuß VIII von 1937.

Der Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen mit dem Zusatz: Diese Handlung der Synode soll der Erziehungsbehörde der Generalsynode und der Exekutive der Generalsynode (General Council) mitgeteilt werden.

(Bericht im englischen Teil der Verhandlungen.)

## 4. Klassikalverhandlungen.

(Uebersetzung)

An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Brüder!

### I. Tadelnswerte Dinge.

1. Sheboygan-Klassis.

a. Unterläßt die Schranken des Hauses zu bestimmen in den Spezialversammlungen am 15. Juli und am 23. August 1938 zu Kiel in der Reformierten St. Peters-Kirche.

2. Minnesota-Klassis.

a. Gibt den Bericht von dem Spezialausschuß No. I inbezug auf Grenzbestimmung der neuen Synode, ohne dabei anzugeben, welche Handlung die Klassis inbezug auf diesen Bericht beschlossen hat.

b. Vergißt den Finanzbericht anzunehmen nachdem er dem Ausschuß für Finanzen überwiesen wurde.

3. Nebraska-Klassis.

a. Ueberweist den Bericht des Schatzmeisters an das Finanzkomitee, unterläßt es aber, diesen Bericht anzunehmen.

4. Ursinus-Klassis.

a. Unterläßt, die Adressen der Beamten anzugeben.

b. Ueberweist das Gesuch der Generalsynode wegen Grenzbestimmung an die Exekutive, doch findet man diesen Punkt wiederum in den Händen des Aus-

schusses für Grenzbestimmungen, der darin handelt, ohne daß ihm dieser Punkt überwiesen wurde.

5. Süd-Dakota-Klassis.

a. Prüft den Bericht des Schatzmeisters, unterläßt es aber, ihn anzunehmen.

6. Portland-Oregon-Klassis.

a. Prüft den Bericht des Schatzmeisters, unterläßt es aber, ihn anzunehmen.

7. West-Canada-Klassis.

a. Unterläßt es anzugeben, woher Pastor J. Neumann aufgenommen wurde.

b. Prüft den Bericht des Schatzmeisters, unterläßt es aber, ihn anzunehmen.

8. Eureka-Klassis.

a. Prüft den Bericht des Schatzmeisters, unterläßt es aber, ihn anzunehmen.

9. California-Klassis.

a. Prüft den Bericht des Schatzmeisters, unterläßt es aber, ihn anzunehmen.

Handlung der Synode:

I. a. wurde durch eine Anweisung an den Ständigen Schreiber aus dem Bericht fallen gelassen, weil Examination und Lizensur von Student Gordon Robinson vollkommen in Ordnung war.

b. 2, b, 3, a, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 und 9 wurden angenommen.

II. **Gesuche und Ueberweisungen:**

1. Sheboygan-Klassis.

a. Gibt zu, daß sie bei der Lizensur von Student Gordon Robinson einen Fehler gemacht hat und entschuldigt sich bei den höheren kirchlichen Körpern, daß diese Unregelmäßigkeit insofern wieder gutgemacht wurde, indem die fehlenden Dokumente, das Diplom des Lizentiaten bei der Spezialsitzung am 23. August 1938 eingereicht wurde.

2. Milwaukee-Klassis.

a. Ersucht Synode des Nordwestens, die Statistik mit den Verhandlungen der Synode zu drucken.

b. Beschließt, Synode des Nordwestens zu ersuchen, eine Abschrift ihres Ausschusses über Predigerunterstützung an alle Pastoren der Synode zu senden, um vor den Gemeinden an dem besonderen Sonntag für Predigerunterstützung oder an einem anderen passenden Sonntag verlesen zu werden.

3. Minnesota-Klassis.

a. Ersucht Synode, die Statistik von allen Klassen wiederum zu drucken.

4. Süd-Dakota-Klassis.

a. Macht die Synode darauf aufmerksam, daß der Synodalausschuß über Publikation keinerlei Empfehlungen macht inbezug auf das Verlagshaus und bedauert diesen Schritt.

5. Portland-Oregon-Klassis.

Ersucht Synode, die Statistik mit den Synodalverhandlungen zu drucken.

6. West-Canada-Klassis.

a. Nimmt den Rettig-Knatz-Minoritätsbericht von Spezialausschuß 3 an und ersucht, daß die Aufmerksamkeit des synodalen Ausschusses, von dem Prof. K. J. Ernst der Vorsitzende ist, auf diese Handlung gelenkt werde.

7. Eureka-Klassis.

a. Macht die Synode darauf aufmerksam, daß im Hinblick auf Punkt 20 e, Seite 66, Verhandlungen der Synode, weder diese Klassis, noch die frühere Nord-Dakota-Klassis keine Schulden bei der Generalsynode haben.

b. Inbezug auf Punkt 10, Seite 52, Verhandlungen der Synode, nimmt die Eureka-Klassis die Veränderung der Konstitution mit Bezug auf den Hausvater im Missionshaus an.

c. Macht die Synode darauf aufmerksam, daß zwei Kopien der Statistik genügend seien, und daß die Statistik nicht in den Verhandlungen gedruckt zu werden braucht.

8. California-Klassis.

a. Wünscht nicht, daß Synode die Statistik drucken soll.

Handlung der Synode:

II. 1. a. Angenommen und die Aufmerksamkeit der Sheboygan-Klassis wird auf die Tatsache gelenkt, daß dies nicht ein Diplom, sondern ein Zertifikat ist.

2. a., 3 a, 5: Statistik soll im Anhang zu den Synodalverhandlungen wiederum gedruckt werden.

b. Wir teilen Milwaukee-Klassis mit, daß wir es nicht für tunlich finden, auf ihr Gesuch einzugehen.

4 a, 7 a, b, c, 8: Notiz genommen.

6 a. Erledigt durch den betreffenden Spezialausschuß.

### III. Appellationen und Beschwerden.

1. Sheboygan-Klassis.

1. a. Macht eine Appellation von Pastor E. Bührer gegen eine Handlung der Klassis bekannt, nämlich, Auflösung des pastoralen Verhältnisses und Suspensation als Pastor und ernennt E. H. Weßler, J. C. Rosenau und H. Vogel als Anwälte.

2. Ursinus-Klassis.

a. Macht bekannt eine Beschwerde und Protest verschiedener Glieder der Klassis gegen eine Handlung der Klassis (Seite 24) und ernennt A. E. Fischer, um die Klassis vor der Synode zu vertreten.

Handlung der Synode:

III. 1 und 2 wurden dem Justizausschuß überwiesen.

### IV. Entscheidungen von Angelegenheiten, die den Klassen von der Synode überwiesen wurden.

1. Sheboygan-Klassis.

a. Beschließt, ihre eigene Statistik zu drucken.

2. Milwaukee-Klassis.

a. Verweist die Ernennung eines Promotors für den 20,000-Club an den Ausschuß für Mission, der aber in dieser Hinsicht keine weiteren Schritte unternimmt.

3. Minnesota-Klassis.

a. Inbezug auf Seite 40, I, a, Synodalverhandlungen, nimmt die Minnesota-Klassis Kenntnis von dem Tadel und möchte Synode folgendes erwidern: „Diese Handlung beruht auf einem Mißverständnis. Pastor Buetelle wurde an die Reformierte Zions-Gemeinde in Waukon, Iowa, entlassen, aber nicht als ein Pastor, sondern als ein Laie. Pastor Buetelle ist nicht auf der Predigerliste der Klassis."

b. Nimmt Kenntnis von dem Beschluß der Synode inbezug auf Ausschuß für Geistliches Leben und Evangelisation (Seite 29, Pkt. 4, a), unterläßt es aber, einen Ausschuß zu ernennen.

c. Unterläßt es, einen Ausschuß für Wegzug von Gliedern zu ernennen.

4. Nebraska-Klassis.

a. Nimmt Kenntnis von der Entscheidung der Synode inbezug auf den Sutton, Nebraska, Streit.

b. Nimmt Kenntnis von dem Beschluß der Synode inbezug auf Streichung des Namens von Pastor Carl S. Green von der Liste der Klassis.

c. Nimmt Kenntnis von dem Darlehen an die Zions-Gemeinde in Harvard, Nebraska, im Betrag von $400.00.

d. Nimmt Kenntnis von der Streichung der Note von $75.00.

e. Nimmt Kenntnis, unterläßt es aber, einen Ausschuß für Wegzug von Gliedern zu ernennen.

f. Unterläßt es, einen Ausschuß für Geistliches Leben und Evangelisation zu ernennen.

g. Nimmt keine Handlung vor von dem Gesuch der Synode zur weiteren Sammlung für den Missionshaus-Jubiläumsfonds.

5. Ursinus-Klassis.

a. Unterläßt es, einen Ausschuß für Wegzug der Glieder zu ernennen.

6. Süd-Dakota-Klassis.

a. Nimmt Kenntnis von dem Bericht des Justizausschusses der Synode inbezug auf die Sutton-Gemeinde.

7. Portland-Oregon-Klassis.

a. Unterläßt es, einen Ausschuß für Wegzug von Gliedern zu ernennen.

b. Uebersieht das Gesuch der Synode, weiter für den 20,000-Club-Plan zu sammeln.

8. West-Canada-Klassis.

a. Unterläßt es, einen Ausschuß für Wegzug von Gliedern zu ernennen.

b. Unterläßt es, einen Ausschuß für Geistliches Leben und Evangelisation zu ernennen.

9. Eureka-Klassis.

a. Nimmt Kenntnis, unterläßt es aber, einen Ausschuß für Wegzug von Gliedern zu ernennen.

b. Unterläßt es, einen Ausschuß für Geistliches Leben und Evangelisation zu ernennen.

Handlung der Synode:

IV. Von einem jeden einzelnen Punkt wurde Kenntnis genommen.

V. **Lizensur, Ordination, Aufnahme und Entlassung.**

Siehe vollständige Liste in dem englischen Teil der Verhandlungen.

Handlung der Synode:

V. Jeder einzelne Punkt wurde angenommen.

VI. **Zeit und Ort der Sitzung der Klassen und Namen der Beamten.**

(Siehe im englischen Teil der Verhandlungen.)

Handlung der Synode:

VI. Der Punkt wurde verlesen und als ganzes angenommen.

VII. **Kirchenvereinigung und Konstitution.**

1. Sheboygan-Klassis.

a. Zieht vor, bis auf weiteres noch als Klassis intakt zu bleiben, um über alle Geschäfte zu handeln.

2. Milwaukee-Klassis.

a. Empfiehlt, daß die Kirchenvereinigung noch hinausgeschoben werde.

3. Minnesota-Klassis.

a. Nimmt die neue Konstitution an.

4. Nebraska-Klassis.

a. Nimmt den Vorschlag der Generalsynode für neue Synoden an und ersucht die Generalsynode, „Eine Synode zu errichten, in welche unsere Klassis eingeschlossen ist, vorausgesetzt jedoch, daß die gesetzliche Existenz der Klassis beibehalten werde bis sie abgegeben habe, oder sich entäußert habe von allem Eigentum, Rechten und Vollmachten, die ihr zustehen oder die ihr anvertraut sind."

5. Ursinus-Klassis.

a. Verweist die Angelegenheit der Grenzbestimmungen an die Exekutive.

b. Macht aus der Abstimmung der Gemeinden (7 Ja und 5 Nein) den Beschluß der Klassis über die neue Konstitution.

6. Süd-Dakota-Klassis.

a. Wünscht als eine Reformierte Klassis zu verbleiben und ersucht die Generalsynode, eine Dakota-Klassis zu bestimmen, die alle Reformierten Gemeinden in Nord- und Süd-Dakota einschließt.

7. Portland-Oregon-Klassis.

a. Nimmt den Paragraphen an „in der Aufstellung der Klassis inbezug auf die Teilung der Kirche in Synoden" mit dem Ersuchen, daß Generalsynode die Grenze bestimme „zwischen dem östlichen und westlichen Montana und Wyoming."

8. Eureka-Klassis.

a. Da die Vereinigte Kirche versagt hat, einen entschiedenen biblischen Standpunkt anzunehmen inbezug auf die Lehre, darum verlangen wir, die Eureka-Klassis, daß die Ehrwürdige Generalsynode die Abstimmung über die Union und die Konstitution in Wiedererwägung ziehe.

Ferner, da die Vereinigte Kirche, nicht wir, sich von ihren grundlegenden Prinzipien getrennt hat, so reservieren wir uns das Recht, fortzufahren zu funktionieren wie bisher als die gesetzlich konstituierte Reformierte Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten. (Gemeinsam angenommen.)

9. California-Klassis.

a. Nimmt den Beschluß über „Angeregte Teilung der Synoden" an und sendet sogleich Kenntnis an Pastor Wm. E. Lampe, Schreiber des Ausschusses für Konstitution und Charter und an den Ständigen Schreiber der Generalsynode.

Handlung der Synode:

VII. Jeder einzelne Punkt wurde angenommen.

## VIII. Verschiedenes.

1. Sheboygan-Klassis.

a. Vereinigt die Erste Reformierte Kirche in Appleton, Wis., mit der Evangelischen St. Johannes-Kirche in derselben Stadt.

b. Vereinigt die Reformierten und Evangelischen Gemeinden in Colby, Wisconsin.

c. Versucht, eine Hauskolonie von Pastoren außer Dienst zu errichten.

d. Ernennt einen Spezialausschuß, um die Angelegenheit in der Ersten Reformierten Gemeinde in Green Bay zu untersuchen. Hält eine Spezialsitzung der Klassis am 19. Juli 1938 in Kiel, Wisconsin, ab, um den Bericht zu vernehmen. Nimmt den Bericht an, löst das pastorale Verhältnis zwischen Pastor E. Bührer und der Ersten Reformierten Gemeinde zu Green Bay auf und ernennt einen Ausschuß, um Pastor E. Bührer wegen Insubordination zu verklagen. Versammelt sich in einer Spezialsitzung in Kiel, Wisconsin, um die Forderungen des Anklage-Ausschusses zu vernehmen, welche sie aufrecht hält, worauf sie Pastor Bührer als Pastor der Evangelischen und Reformierten Kirche suspendiert, bis er selbst wahre Anzeigen der Reue und Besserung zu jener Klassis bringt oder dem ihr nachfolgenden Kirchenkörper.

2. Milwaukee-Klassis.

a. Sendet zwei Delegaten zu dem Wisconsin Council of Churches.

b. Beschließt, dem Ersuchen der Exekutive der Generalsynode nachzukommen, in der Statistik die verschiedenen Gemeinden, die zu einer Pfarrstelle gehören, zusammen aufzuführen.

3. Nebraska-Klassis.

a. Erlaubt einem Presbyterianer-Pastor, die St. Johannes-Gemeinde zu Humboldt, Nebraska, zu bedienen, unter welcher Anordnung das Verhältnis zu der Klassis mehr und mehr am Verschwinden ist; auch, daß Loveland, Colorado, von einem anderen Pastor bedient werde und daß die Aussichten sehr enttäuschend sind.

b. Nimmt die Hoffnungs-Gemeinde in Sutton, Nebr., in ihren Verband auf.

4. Ursinus-Klassis.

a. Ist dabei, die Evangelische und Reformierte Gemeinde in Ledyard miteinander zu vereinigen.

5. California-Klassis.

a. Trägt sich mit dem Gedanken für die Gründung eines Pastorenheims in dem südlichen Californien.

b. Vereinigt die Reformierte Trinity-Gemeinde zu Hollywood und die Evangelische Gemeinde zu Hollywood unter dem Namen: Evangelisch und Reformierte Trinitatis-Kirche zu Hollywood, California, und nimmt die neue Gemeinde in den Verband der Klassis auf.

Der Ausschuß:

R. Rettig

R. Hünemann

Handlung der Synode:

VIII. 1 b wurde an den Justizausschuß überwiesen; von den anderen Punkten wurde einzeln Kenntnis genommen.

Dann wurde der Bericht als Ganzes angenommen.

### 5. Schriftliche Eingaben.

(Uebersetzung).

An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens:

Liebe Brüder! Ihr Ausschuß empfing die folgenden Eingaben:

1. Klage einer Gruppe von Gliedern der Ursinus-Klassis gegen die Ursinus-Klassis inbezug auf eine Abstimmung über die Konstitution und die vorgeschlagenen Grenzbestimmungen.

2. Beschluß und Eingabe angenommen von der Eureka-Klassis in einer Spezialsitzung am 16. August 1938, worin sie an die Synode die Mitteilung macht, daß sie sich das Recht vorbehält, als eine gesetzlich konstituierte Reformierte Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten noch weiter zu bestehen mit all ihrem Eigentum, Vorrechten und Rechten.

3. a. Eine Appellation an die Synode des Nordwestens von Pastor Emil Bührer inbezug auf einen Beschluß der Sheboygan-Klassis wegen Auflösung seines Pastoralverhältnisses mit der Reformierten Gemeinde in Green Bay, und Anklagen von Insubordination sowie Einberufung für eine Klageverhandlung bei einer Spezialsitzung der Klassis, angenommen in einer Spezialsitzung, abgehalten in Kiel am 19. Juli 1938.

b. Auszug der Verhandlungen der Sheboygan-Klassis wegen der Appellation von Pastor E. Bührer gegen die Entscheidung der Klassis.

c. Appellation an die Synode des Nordwestens von Pastor E. Bührer durch seine Berater, in welcher diese appellieren gegen alle Entschlüsse der Sheboygan-Klassis, angenommen während der Klageverhandlung gegen Pastor E. Bührer bei der Spezialsitzung der Klassis, abgehalten am 23. August 1938 in Kiel, Wisconsin.

d. Eine Bekanntmachung von der Ernennung der Rechtsbeistände für die Sheboygan-Klassis in der Appellations-Sache von Pastor E. Bührer und seiner Berater an die Synode des Nordwestens.

4. Ein Büchlein über „American Share in Japan's War Guilt" (Absicht ist, die Unterstützung von Japan abzubrechen) und Anregungen darüber, was Organisationen und Einzelpersonen darin tun können.

5. Mitteilung der Sheboygan-Klassis. Die Aufmerksamkeit der Synode wird auf ein Versehen und einen Irrtum der Sheboygan-Klassis gelenkt in Verbindung mit der Prüfung und Lizensur von Gordon Robinson. Klassis sieht ihren Irrtum ein und bittet um Entschuldigung.

6. Bericht von Pastor Bodenman im Bezug auf die Reformierte Kirche in der Ukraine.

7. Bericht des Hafenmissionars, Dr. Paul Land.

8. Ein Gesuch um eine klare und bestimmte Erklärung des Artikels 31 der Konstitution und der Behörde der Einheimischen Mission und ihrer Rechte in Bezug auf gewisse Bestimmungen gegen gewisse Missionare der Einheimischen Mission und Unterbindung der finanziellen Unterstützung.

9. Der Bericht von Fünf Gliedern über die Konferenz der Christlichen Erziehung.

10. Eine Mitteilung der Exekutive der Generalsynode inbezug auf die Einteilung der Kirche in Synoden.

11. Bericht über die Aeltesten-Konferenz.

12. Ein Gesuch einer Gruppe von Pastoren der Synode inbezug auf die Veröffentlichung des „Messenger" durch das Central Publishing House in Cleveland, Ohio.

Ihr Ausschuß:
Wm. Oelrich
Armin Tendick
John L. Accola

Handlung der Synode:

Pkt. 1 und 3. Ueberwiesen an den Justizausschuß.

Pkt 2. Ueberwiesen an Spezialausschuß I.

Pkt. 4. Ueberwiesen an Spezialausschuß II.

Pkt. 5. Beschlossen: Die Synode nimmt Kenntnis von dieser Eingabe und bevollmächtigt den Ständigen Schreiber der Synode, die nötigen Korrekturen bezüglich Lizensur von Student Robinson zu machen.

Pkt. 6. Der Bericht wurde verlesen und angenommen. Die Synode spricht Pastor Bodenman ihren Dank aus und fordert ihn auf, noch weiter zu arbeiten.

Der Bericht lautet wie folgt:

**Reformierte Kirche in der Ukraine.**

Da es fast nicht möglich ist, den darbenden Deutschen in Rußland Hilfe zukommen zu lassen, und sie ihrer Kirchen beraubt worden sind, haben wir Gaben für die Reformierte Kirche in der Ukraine vermittelt, die aussichtsreichste Mission, welche die Reformierte Kirche in Europa hat.

Die Berichte aus der polnischen Ukraine stimmen darin überein, daß unter den größten Widerständen vonseiten des Katholizismus die Gemeinden stetig wachsen. Die Ukrainisch-Reformierte Kirche mit dem Sitz in Koloma zählt

jetzt etwa 60 Gemeinden und Gruppen mit 17 Pastoren. Diese können aber bei aller Hingabe die Arbeit nicht bewältigen. Ueberall fehlt es an Arbeitern und auch an Bethäusern. Die Opferwilligkeit der zumeist sehr armen Bevölkerung ist sehr groß und vorbildlich. Man kann sich hier kaum eine Vorstellung machen, unter welchen Bedingungen die Pastoren ihren Dienst tun müssen. Es könnte viel mehr geschehen, wenn Mittel dazu vorhanden wären.

Zu den $3.00, geblieben vom Vorjahr, sind an Gaben hinzugekommen:

$5.00 von Taucher, Holyoke; ($4.70) durch Dr. Hehl (20 Franken); $20.00 von Siegfried Savannah; $13.70 von Pastor P. Wiegand; $3.00 von Pastor Hafner; $2.00 von Pastor Wm. Bonekemper; $2.75 Ungenannt — $49.45, welche Summe in 235 Schweizerfranken an Pastor Dr. Gantenbein in der Schweiz abgegangen ist, den Hauptsammler und treuen Freund der Ukraine.

Wir vermitteln gern weitere Gaben.

John Bodenman.

Menno, S. D., 5. Sept. 1938.

Punkt 7 wurde verlesen und an den Missions- und Finanzausschuß überwiesen.

**Bericht des Hafenmissionars.**

An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Ihr Hafenmissionar darf wiederum über ein Jahr angestrengter Tätigkeit berichten. Wenn irgend jemand glaubt, daß wir weniger zu tun haben als in früheren Jahren, der ist im Irrtum. Nur die Art und Weise unserer Arbeit hat sich in etwa geändert. Wir sind früh und spät beschäftigt, allerlei Leuten, die sich an uns um Hilfe und Beistand wenden, mit Rat und Tat zur Seite zu stehen.

Der Hauptzweck der Hafenmission ist ja von Anfang gewesen, Leuten, die zum ersten Mal und unerfahren ins Land kommen, bei der Landung behilflich zu sein, so daß sie vor allerlei Schaden und unnötigen Sorgen bewahrt bleiben. Diesen Dienst haben wir auch im verflossenen Jahr gar vielen geleistet.

Ist auch die Zahl derer, die als direkte Einwanderer kommen, verhältnismäßig gering, so wächst doch die Zahl derjenigen, die unter der Rubrik „Besucher" landen, von Jahr zu Jahr. Unter diesen Einwanderern befinden sich viele Elternpaare, die ihre hierzulande wohnenden Kinder besuchen wollen und sich zwecks dessen ein ganzes Jahr hier aufhalten dürfen. Ferner viele jüngere Leute, die hier Studien machen, oder sich nach den Verhältnissen unseres Landes erkundigen wollen, um günstigen Falles sich später um ein regelrechtes Einwanderer-Visum zu bewerben. Es ist allemal leichter, ein solches Visum zu bekommen, wenn der Betreffende schon einmal in Amerika gewesen ist. Alle diese Leute sind sehr dankbar für jeden von dem Hafenmissionar geleisteten Dienst.

Auch diejenigen unsrer Freunde, die schon lange als Bürger hier wohnen, und die eine Besuchsreise nach der alten Heimat unternehmen, wissen es hoch zu schätzen, wenn der Hafenmissionar sie am Bahnhof abholt und sicher auf den Dampfer bringt und bei der Erledigung notwendiger Geschäfte hilft. New York wirkt eben beängstigend auf solche, die in kleineren Orten oder auf dem Lande wohnen.

Unsre Korrespondenz ist umfangreich wie immer. Fast täglich kommen allerhand Anfragen um Information über alle möglichen Dinge, die den Freunden der Hafenmission wichtig sind. Wir geben Auskunft über Einwanderung und helfen bei Anfertigung von Bürgschaften. Oft werden wir ersucht, Kranke in Hospitälern und Irrenhäusern zu besuchen und über deren Zustand zu berichten.

Unsre Unterstützung der christlichen Anstalten in Europa ist bekannt. Es sind im letzten Jahr $1000.00 für diesen Zweck durch unsre Hände gegangen, ganz abgesehen von den vielen Privatsendungen kleiner und größerer Gaben an Verwandte der Leser des „Einwanderer-Freunds." Unser Monatsblatt, der „Einwanderer-Freund", erfreut sich nach wie vor des wärmsten Interesses aller seiner Leser. Leider ist die finanzielle Unterstützung mangelhaft und viele der älteren Leser sterben weg, ohne Ersatz, da so wenig Deutsch mehr gelesen wird.

Ein wichtiger Teil unsrer Arbeit ist schon seit Jahren die Fürsorge für arbeitslose, deutsche Landsleute, die sich in Not befinden. Dies sind alles früher oder später eingewanderte Deutsche, Schweizer usw. die versucht haben, hier in New York festen Fuß zu fassen, oder die vom Westen nach New York gekommen sind, in der Meinung hier leichter Arbeit zu finden. Tausende stranden Jahr für Jahr in New York und müssen von der Stadt erhalten werden. Die Stadt gibt ihnen im besten Falle ein Nachtquartier und notdürftig zu essen. Für alles übrige sind sie auf die wohltätigen Anstalten angewiesen. Somit werden wir täglich bestürmt um Kleidung, Schuhwerk, Unterzeug und alles mögliche, was der Mensch sonst noch im Leben braucht, Brillen, Bruchbänder, Rasiermesser usw. Wir sind bei diesem Liebeswerk reichlich unterstützt worden von vielen Freunden und hoffen, daß das anhält, bis die Depression vorüber ist.

Aus obigen Schilderungen wird die Ehrw. Synode ersehen, daß wir voll und ganz versucht haben, unsre Pflicht und Schuldigkeit zu tun. Um so entmutigender ist es daher für den Hafenmissionar, daß in der N.W.-Synode Stimmen laut geworden sind, die unsre Arbeit nicht zu schätzen wissen. Wir arbeiten schwer, aber der irdische Lohn ist gering. Unsre Einheimische Missionsbehörde sah sich schon vor mehreren Jahren infolge ihrer geringen Einnahme gezwungen, das Gehalt des Hafenmissionars auf ein Minimum herabzusetzen. Das Gehalt beträgt nur $75.00 pro Monat. Und da wir seit Monaten keine Gemeinde mehr bedienen können, ist auch diese Nebeneinnahme versiegt. Nur sehr wenige Gemeinden haben uns Gaben für unser Liebeswerk zufließen lassen, und was für den „Einwanderer-Freund" eingeht, geht auch ebenso schnell wieder hinaus für Druck und sonstige notwendige Ausgaben.

Wir bitten daher die ehrwürdige Synode herzlich und dringend, die Hafenmission auch ferner in ihr Herz zu schließen und, wenn möglich, etwas besser zu unterstützen als bisher. Wir tun noch immer ein gesegnetes Werk, nach dem Gebot des Heilandes: „Was ihr getan habt einem der geringsten dieser meiner Brüder, das habt ihr mir getan."

Ihnen allen des Herrn reichen Segen wünschend zu allen Ihren Beratungen, grüßt achtungsvoll

Ihr ergebener

Paul H. Land, Hafenmissionar.

Pkt. 8. Wurde verlesen und dann an Spezialausschuß III überwiesen.

Pkt. 9. Ueberwiesen an den Ausschuß für Erziehung.

Pkt. 10. Ueberwiesen an Spezialausschuß IV.

Pkt. 11. Ueberwiesen an Ausschuß für Haushalterschaft.

Pkt. 12. Das Gesuch wurde angenommen und soll an die Exekutive der Generalsynode gesandt werden.

Dann wurde der Bericht als Ganzes angenommen.

Berichte der Spezialausschüsse I, II, III, IV, wie folgt.

### Spezialausschuß I.

(Uebersetzung.)

Der Bericht wurde wie folgt als Ganzes angenommen.

Liebe Brüder! Ihr Ausschuß berichtet, daß ihm Pkt. 2 von dem Bericht Schriftliche Eingaben überwiesen wurde. Dieser Punkt ist eine Abschrift von einer Handlung der Eureka-Klassis der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten bei der Spezialsitzung besagter Klassis am 16. August 1938.

Ihr Ausschuß hat dieses Schriftstück sorgfältig geprüft und findet, daß es seinem Inhalt nach eine Benachrichtigung an die Synode des Nordwestens und an die Generalsynode der Evangelischen und Reformierten Kirche ist, daß die Eureka-Klassis den Anspruch stellt, daß alles Eigentum, Besitz und Rechte der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten auf gesetzliche Weise der Eureka-Klassis anheimfallen und daß die Eureka-Klassis, wenn nötig, Anspruch darauf machen wird.

Diese Handlung der Eureka-Klassis der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten, wie in der Benachrichtigung niedergelegt, beruht auf drei bestimmten Behauptungen, wie in der Einleitung des Schriftstückes angegeben, aber die Eureka-Klassis bringt keine Gründe in irgend einer Weise, um diese Behauptungen und Forderungen aufrecht zu halten.

Ihr Ausschuß empfiehlt folgendes zur Beschlußnahme:

1. Die Synode des Nordwestens in Antwort auf die Eingabe der Eureka-Klassis der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten teilt der Eureka-Klassis mit, daß sich die Eureka-Klassis schwer geirrt hat in ihrer Handlung bei ihrer Spezialsitzung am 16. August 1938 zu Eureka, Süd-Dakota, insofern, daß kein organisches Glied der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten oder irgend einer ihrer Kirchenkörper sich anmaßen kann, die Rechte, Vorrechte und Funktionen jenes Körpers anzunehmen, von dem ein solches Glied oder ein solcher Körper nur eins von den vielen Gliedern ist, und daß daher diese Handlung tadelnswert, außer Ordnung und daher null und belanglos ist.

2. In Anbetracht der Tatsache, daß dieses Gesuch der Eureka-Klassis der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten auch direkt an die Evangelische und Reformierte Kirche gerichtet ist, so sei ferner beschlossen, daß die Synode des Nordwestens dieses Gesuch der Eureka Klassis nebst der Handlung der

Synode des Nordwestens an die Generalsynode der Evangelischen und Reformierten Kirche verweise.

Achtungsvoll,

E. G. Krampe
John Mohr
Henry Neuhaus

**Spezialausschuß II.**

Der Bericht des Ausschusses wurde als Ganzes angenommen. (Für den Inhalt siehe im englischen Teil des Protokolls.)

**Spezialausschuß III.**

Der Ausschuß berichtete. Die Synode nahm das Substitut an, „Daß die Synode keine hypothetische Fragen beantwortet."

**Spezialausschuß IV.**

Der Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen. Siehe Näheres im englischen Teil der Verhandlungen.

## 6. Lehranstalten.

(Uebersetzung.)

Der folgende Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen.

An die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Die folgenden Punkte wurden Ihrem Ausschuß überwiesen.

1. Der Bericht über das Missionshaus im Blaubuch.
2. Ansprache von Dr. Paul Großhüsch.

Wir freuen uns über diese Berichte, die ein lebendiges und aufgewecktes Missionshaus zeigen. Wir versichern dem Präsidenten, den Lehrern und allen denen, die an dem Wohl der Anstalt beteiligt sind, daß wir ihre Arbeit schätzen, und wir versprechen unsre weitere Unterstützung und Mitarbeit.

Wir freuen uns, daß die Erste Convocation erfolgreich war, daß die Studentenzahl höher ist als im letzten Jahr und daß das erzieherische Ansehen gewachsen ist.

Wir empfehlen:

1. Daß wir das Missionshaus der Führung unsers Herrn Jesu Christi anvertrauen, damit es fortfahre, für das Volk des Reiches Gottes ein Segen zu sein.

2. Daß wir unsre Pastoren anspornen, das Missionshaus angehenden Studenten in ihren Gemeinden zu empfehlen.

3. Daß wir ernstlich versuchen, die Auflage von $1 pro Glied in unsern Gemeinden für den Unterhalt der Schule aufzubringen.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

John Scheib
Frank E. Stucki
John Dick

## 7 und 8. Mission und Kirchbaufonds.

Der folgende Bericht wurde punktweise erledigt. Jeder Punkt wurde angenommen. Zu Pkt. B2 wurde beschlossen: Der Ständige Schreiber wird angewiesen, in den kirchlichen Blättern darauf aufmerksam zu machen, daß die Indianer-Mission ihr 60jähriges Bestehen feiert.

An die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Ihrem Ausschuß wurden die folgenden Punkte überwiesen:

1. Jahresbericht des Departements des Nordwestens über Einheimische Mission, Blaubuch, Seite 13.
2. Der Jahresbericht der Einheimischen Missionsbehörde der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten, Blaubuch, Seite 27.
3. Der Jahresbericht der Ausländischen Missionsbehörde, Blaubuch, Seite 30.
4. Inhalt der Ansprachen von Dr. Horning und Pastor A. G. Schmid.
5. Bericht der Hafenmission.
6. Ansprache von Pastor J. Bodenman.

Ihr Ausschuß möchte folgendes zur Beschlußnahme empfehlen:

### A. Einheimische Mission.

1. Wir ersuchen alle Klassen, ihre klassikalen Schatzmeister für Mission und Wohltätigkeit anzuweisen, die Gelder, die früher an den Schatzmeister des Departements des Nordwestens gesandt wurden, von jetzt an direkt an den Schatzmeister der Einheimischen Missionsbehörde in Philadelphia, Pa., zu senden. Gelder für den Kirchbaufonds und die Indianer-Mission sollen nach wie vor an den Schatzmeister des Departements gesandt werden.
2. Wir schlagen vor, ernste Anstrengungen zu machen, die volle Auflage aufzubringen, damit die früher nötigen Sammelbetriebe und dergleichen, um Schulden der Einheimischen Mission zu tilgen, in der Zukunft unnötig werden.
3. Daß die Gemeinden, die bis jetzt noch nicht das Auflagesystem, noch die wöchentlichen Sammlungen für Missionszwecke angenommen haben, eine besondere Anstrengung zu Ostern und bei den Missionsfesten machen, um einen Beitrag aufzubringen, der der Auflage gleich sein wird.
4. Daß des Kirchbaufonds des Departements des Nordwestens mit einer Gabe zu Pfingsten gedacht werde; das Ziel dabei soll sein 10 Cents pro Glied. Kirchliche Organisationen sollen aufgefordert werden, $500 Gedächtnisfonds zu stiften.
5. Wir freuen uns, daß durch den 20,000-Club eine beträchtliche Summe eingelaufen ist. Wir erneuern unsre herzliche Befürwortung dieses Planes. Besonders sollen solche Gemeinden, die noch nichts in dieser Sache getan haben, angespornt werden, Anstrengungen zu machen, wenigstens etwas in dieser Sache zu tun.

### B. Indianer-Mission.

1. Wir freuen uns über die treue Arbeit unsrer Indianer-Mission und sprechen unsre Anerkennung aus über die hingebenden Dienste des Superintendenten Pastor Ben. Stucki und seiner Gehilfen. Wir empfehlen, daß dieser Tätigkeit in unsern Gebeten gedacht werde und sie unsre höchst freigiebige Un-

terstützung erhalte. Wir erkennen lobend an die schätzenswerte Unterstützung vonseiten des Frauen-Missionsvereins der Generalsynode.

2. Unsre Indianer-Mission feiert in diesem Jahr ihr 60jähriges Jubiläum. Lasset uns mitfeiern in unsrer Synode, in den Klassen und in den Gemeinden. Dem Herrn sei viel Dank für dieses gesegnete Werk! Lasset uns seinem Namen lobsingen und ihn preisen!

**C. Hafen-Mission.**

Wir freuen uns, daß diese Mission in dem vergangenen Jahr mancherlei Hilfeleistungen hat verrichten können, und empfehlen diese Arbeit fernerhin unsern Gemeinden zur Unterstützung.

**D. Ausländische Mission.**

1. Wir freuen uns vor dem Herrn mit der Behörde, daß sie in diesem Jahr auf eine 100jährige Tätigkeit zurückschauen kann. Wir danken Gott für die gesegnete Tätigkeit und für die große Gnade, mit welcher er uns bis hierher geleitet hat.

2. Wir zollen unsern Missionaren unsre Anerkennung für ihre aufopfernde und selbstlose Arbeit, die für manche im vergangenen Jahr mit Lebensgefahr verbunden war, und wir versichern sie, daß die Kirche daheim hinter ihnen steht mit ihrer Teilnahme und ihrer Unterstützung.

3. Wir fordern die Gemeinden auf, ihr Aeußerstes zu tun in der Bezahlung der vollen Auflage für die Ausländische Mission, damit die Missionare nicht noch mit finanziellen Schwierigkeiten belastet werden in dieser Zeit, wo sich andere Schwierigkeiten bedeutend vermehrt haben, besonders durch die traurige Kriegslage zwischen Japan und China.

4. Wir betrauern innig das Abscheiden des Herrn Fredrick B. Nicodemus, eines langjährigen Lehrers des Nord-Japan-College, und der Frau Mary Ault Hoy, der Witwe des verstorbenen Missionars Dr. Wm. E. Hoy. Wir danken dem Herrn für die treuen Dienste dieser dahingeschiedenen Mitarbeiter, die nun ihre Arbeit vollendet haben und zu des Herrn Ruhe eingehen konnten.

5. Je ernster die Zeiten, desto ernster sollen die Gebete sein. So stimmen wir dem „Call to Prayer" herzlich bei. „Brüder, betet für uns." Dieser Bitte unsrer Missionare lasset uns von ganzem Herzen Folge leisten.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

Der Ausschuß:

Otto A. Menke
Wm. Bollmann

## 9. Christliche Erziehung.

Der Bericht wurde punktweise erledigt und wie folgt angenommen:

An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens.

Ihrem Ausschuß wurden überwiesen:

1. Die beiden Berichte über Christliche Erziehung im Blaubuch.
2. Ansprache von Pastor R. Rettig über Christliche Erziehung.
3. Bemerkung von Dr. E. G. Krampe über Christliche Erziehung.
4. Aus dem Bericht des Spezialausschusses No. VI für 1938, Punkte 11 und 12 unten auf Seite 37 des Synodalprotokolls 1937.

5. Ergebnis der Erziehungskonferenz über Christliche Erziehung von einem Fünferausschuß. Dieser übermittelte folgendes Schriftstück:

"To the Honorable Northwest Synod.
Dear Brethren:

*Report of the Committee of Five (Christian Education)*

Your committee was appointed by the Conference on Christian Education to find and set down some guides or "symptoms", which might serve to help pastors and teachers in determining the effectiveness of their work in Christian Education.

Having met briefly, your committee presents the following as indicative guides:

1. An earnest, sincere desire on the part of students to *want* to participate in Christian activities.
2. Such externals as baptism, confirmation, church membership, etc., do not necessarily indicate real Christian life: they are only means to an end, which is to secure *voluntary* participation.
3. We must seek for an expression on the part of the *individual*, of an inner urge and conviction as driving motive.
4. We must seek for development of an *inner life*, which expresses itself in voluntary relinquishment of undesirable habits and customs.
5. All of these externals are evidences and expressions of an inner urge— which indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit of God at work in the life of an individual, and are to be welcomed and accepted as such.

The Committee:

E. H. WESSLER
L. A. MOSER
CASPAR KRUEGER
A. DICK
E. R. VORNHOLT."

Die Christliche Erziehung muß von der größten Bedeutung sein in einer geistig zerfahrenen und glaubensarmen Zeit. Eine große Ratlosigkeit auf geistigem Gebiet greift immer weiter um sich. Die sich umschauen nach Führung und Rat, sollten die nicht ihren Blick richten auf die Kirche und die Christliche Erziehung, die sie ihren jungen und ihren alten Gliedern zuzuwenden trachtet? Es kann unsrer Synode nicht abgesprochen werden, daß sie sich nicht des Ernstes der Lage bewußt wäre. Sie weiß auch wohl, daß da kleine Mittel nicht mehr helfen. Es gibt da allerlei neue methodische Mittel und psychologische Erkenntnisse, die nicht zu verachten sind. Man soll neue Wege nicht verschmähen, sie aber vorsichtig begehen.

Vor allem sollten wir uns dessen bewußt bleiben, daß die beiden alten und zuverlässigen Hauptmittel der Erziehung, die Predigt und der Religionsunterricht mit dem größten Fleiß und der größten Gewissenhaftigkeit angewendet werden sollen. Die göttliche Offenbarung, die großen Gottestaten zum Heil einer Sündenwelt, müssen das Alpha und das Omega der christlichen Verkündigung und aller unterrichtenden und erziehenden Arbeit bleiben. Unser ganzes, oftmals neues Denken sollte an der an Nüchternheit und biblischer

Treue bis jetzt unübertroffenen Theologie des Heidelberger Katechismus immer wieder geprüft werden. Da werden wir uns auch dessen bewußt bleiben, daß es auch im Werk der Erziehung nicht an unserm Wollen oder Laufen liegt, sondern an Gottes Erbarmen. Dieser lebenerweckenden Gnade Gottes werden wir überall dort verlustig gehen, wo wir mit unsern armseligen menschlichen Künsten ohne Gott meinen auskommen zu können.

Wir machen folgende Empfehlungen:

1. Angesichts der dem Werk der Christlichen Erziehung immer mehr und mehr erwachsenden Hindernisse, die aus dem Tempo des modernen Lebens und aus dem Rückfall in allerlei neues Heidentum sich ergeben, und angesichts der anwachsenden Gleichgültigkeit und gar Feindseligkeit gegen alles christliche Denken und Leben, muß mehr Gewissenhaftigkeit und Tatkraft in Predigt und Unterricht und Vorbild aufgebracht werden, unser junges und altes Kirchenvolk und wer sich erreichen läßt, in den ewigen Wahrheiten des Wortes Gottes zu gründen.

Wir bitten deshalb die Klassen und durch dieselben die Pastoren, Gemeinde-Kirchenräte, Sonntagsschullehrer und Eltern, in dem Werk der religiösen Erziehung keine Mühe zu scheuen im Beten und Arbeiten, daß unter Gottes Gnade aus wohlbearbeitetem Ackerfeld die Evangeliumssaat zum Fruchttragen aufgehe.

2. Klassen und Gemeinden sollen ihr Augenmerk darauf richten, daß christliches Familienleben wieder aufgebaut werde, wo die Kinder wieder den Eltern und die Eltern nicht den Kindern gehorchen, und in der Gottesfurcht und auf der Kirchentreue der Eltern eine Grundlage dafür gelegt wird, daß Kinder in der Zucht und Ermahnung zum Herrn hin erzogen werden können und daß das Trachten nach dem Reich Gottes und nach der Gottesgerechtigkeit allem bloß weltlichen Erfolg und Gewinn wieder vorgestellt wird.

3. Die Behörden, die dafür aufgestellt sind, das Werk der christlichen Erziehung wahrzunehmen, bitten durch die Klassen dringend unsre Kirchenglieder, mit Gebet und auch mit finanzieller Unterstützung ihnen die Hände zu stärken.

4. Wir sprechen dem Erziehungsdirektor unsrer Synode unsre Anerkennung aus für seine treue Arbeit.

5. Solche Klassen, die es nicht schon getan haben, ersuchen wir, klassikale Erziehungsbehörden zu wählen, die das Jahr über das Werk der christlichen Erziehung in ihrem Gebiet zu fördern suchen sollten, auch damit, daß sie sich bestimmte Aufgaben stellen und gemeinsame Erkenntnisse und Erfahrungen mit den Gliedern der Klassis sammeln.

6. Die Verfasser des „Workbook to the Heidelberg Catechism" sind immer dankbar für Ratschläge und wohlwollende Kritik ihrer Arbeit, besonders etwa im Hinblick auf eine neue Auflage des Buches.

7. Wir ersuchen die Ehrwürdige Generalsynode, dafür zu sorgen, daß die Sonntagsschulliteratur und im „Messenger" die Sonntagsschullektionen von solchen Theologen erklärt werden, die noch an dem Bekenntnis festhalten.

8. Wir verlangen eine den Bekenntnissen nicht ins Angesicht schlagende Rezension der Erscheinungen auf dem Büchermarkt, wie auch überhaupt eine biblisch-positive und bekenntnismäßige Haltung unsrer einzigen englischen Kirchenzeitung für die ganze Kirche. Wenn uns hier nicht entgegengekommen

wird, so können wir nicht für die Verbreitung dieser Zeitung wirken und werden anderswie für unsre Bedürfnisse sorgen müssen.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

John Bodenman — Otto Hoffner
Alvin O. Engelmann — Armin H. Tendick
H. G. Settlage

## 10. Predigerversorgung.

(Uebersetzung.)

Der Bericht wurde wie folgt angenommen:

Liebe Brüder! Die folgenden Punkte wurden Ihrem Ausschuß für Predigerunterstützung überwiesen:

1. Jahresbericht der Behörde für Predigerunterstützung, Blaubuch 54 bis 58.

2. Inhalt der Rede von Pastor H. E. Nott, D.D., und die Bemerkungen von verschiedenen andern Brüdern.

Aus dem Jahresbericht ersehen wir, daß das Jahr 1937 ein gutes Jahr für die Predigerunterstützung war. Die Freunde der Behörde haben zugenommen. Das Zutrauen zu der Behörde und ihrer Arbeit hat sichtlich zugenommen.

Ihr Ausschuß empfiehlt die folgenden Vorschläge zur Annahme:

1. Daß wir als Synode des Nordwestens unsre Anerkennung zum Ausdruck bringen für die sorgfältige Aufsicht und Tätigkeit der Behörde für Predigerunterstützung, wie auch unser fortgesetztes Vertrauen in die Verwaltung der Behörde, sowie unsre Dankbarkeit für die finanzielle Unterstützung für die betagten und arbeitsunfähigen Prediger, Witwen und Waisen von Predigern in den Grenzen unsrer Synode.

2. Wir ersuchen unsre Pastoren dem Jahresbericht der Behörde (Blaubuch) entsprechende Aufmerksamkeit zu widmen und solche Schritte zu unternehmen, die nötig erscheinen, um die entsprechenden Informationen über diese wichtige Sache an die Beamten und Glieder der einzelnen Gemeinden weiterzugeben.

3. Wir empfehlen diese Sache unsrer herzlichen Unterstützung, damit die volle Auflage in unsrer Synode aufgebracht werden kann.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

H. G. Schmid
J. Hoffmann
Geo. Pauley

## 11. Wohltätige Anstalten.

Der Bericht wurde wie folgt angenommen:

An die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Ihrem Ausschuß wurden folgende Punkte überwiesen:

1. a. Bericht im Blaubuch über das Altenheim.
   b. Ansprache über das Altenheim von Pastor H. G. Schmid.
2. a. Bericht im Blaubuch über das Waisenhaus zu Fort Wayne.
   b. Ansprache über das Waisenhaus von Hausvater A. Stienecker.

**Empfehlungen:**

I. Altenheim:

Wir freuen uns über die glückliche Lösung der finanziellen Schwierigkeiten des Altenheims vonseiten der Behörde und fordern unsre Gemeinden auf, diese Arbeit mit Gebet und Gaben kräftig zu unterstützen.

II. Waisenhaus:

a. Wir machen unsre Gemeinden darauf aufmerksam, daß das Waisenhaus im verflossenen Jahr nur etwa die Hälfte der Auflage erhielt. Wir ersuchen daher unsre Gemeinden, möglichst die volle Auflage für diese Anstalt aufzubringen.

b. Ferner seien die Gemeinden darauf aufmerksam gemacht, wo immer tunlich dem Waisenhaus besondere Gaben zukommen zu lassen.

Achtungsvoll,

Wm. Hünemann
Robert Klaudt
Wm. Schoker

## 12. Haushalterschaft.

(Uebersetzung.)

Der Bericht wurde punktweise erledigt und wie folgt angenommen:

Liebe Brüder! Ihr Ausschuß über Haushalterschaft ersucht um ernstliche und gebetsvolle Erwägung ihrer so wichtigen Pflichten. Wir wollen von einer persönlichen Stellungnahme absehen und nur die Größe unsrer Verpflichtungen im Auge haben.

Die Punkte, die Ihrem Ausschuß übergeben wurden, sind wie folgt:

1. Bericht im Blaubuch.
2. Bericht von der Konferenz der Aeltesten.
3. Punkte aus dem Bericht für Lehranstalten.

Ihr Vorsitzender sandte im vergangenen Jahr zwei Rundschreiben an die Vorsitzenden der betreffenden Klassikal-Ausschüsse. Der erste Brief war eine Zusammenstellung in Betreff der Verhandlungen des „United Stewardship Council". Das zweite Rundschreiben befaßte sich kurz vor den Sitzungen der Klassen mit dem Synodalbericht vom letzten Jahr und seinen Empfehlungen.

In dem letzten Jahr bestimmte die Synode, daß der Vorsitzende des Haushalterschaftsausschusses den Sitzungen des „United Stewardship Council" beiwohnen solle. Die Vertreter der verschiedenen Kirchen kamen zusammen, um ihre Erfahrungen auszutauschen. Ansprachen und Besprechungen von tüchtigen Männern der Kirche wurden gegeben. Von solchen Sitzungen sollten Synode und Klassen den höchsten Nutzen ernten.

Die gemeinsamen Erfahrungen in den Sitzungen dieses Konzils waren die, daß Haushalterschaft allein auf einem echten christlichen Glauben beruht. Nicht auf Lehrsätzen von guten Theorien allein, noch auf Werken, wodurch wir Ruhm zu erlangen suchen, sonden auf einer unverfälschten persönlichen Liebe zu unserm Vater und seinem eingebornen Sohn Jesus Christus, der uns zuerst geliebt hat, beruht Haushalterschaft.

Die Kirche ist in einer schlimmen Lage heutzutage, menschlich gesprochen, aber menschlich so geleitet. Allgemein betrachtet ist sie kaum wert, noch fähig, sich selbst zu erhalten. Daher ist Ihr Ausschuß der ernsten Ueberzeugung, daß Haushalterschaft als allererste Bedingung vom christlichen Glauben ausgehe, eine persönliche Liebe zu dem Herrn, des wir eigen sind, des wir sind und dem wir dienen.

Haushalterschaft ist nicht Evangelisation, ist aber eine Grundlage dafür. Es gibt wohl kaum erfolgreiche Evangelisation, das heißt die Ausbreitung des Evangeliums unter anderen, es sei denn, daß wir zu allererst getreue Haushalter dem Evangelium gegenüber werden. Haushalterschaft ist darauf gegründet, daß man mit sich selbst zuerst ins Gericht gehe, sie ist verwandt mit echter Buße.

Unsre Kirchennöte sind Nöte der Haushalterschaft. Das Grundübel ist, daß wahre Haushalterschaft fehlt. Man heile einmal diesen Schaden, dann kann der Herr Wunder tun.

Die verschiedenen Berichte der Klassen sprechen in diesem Jahr eine mehr ermutigende Sprache als im letzten Jahr. Diese Berichte sprechen nicht allein von einem Bewußtsein, daß man das Werk der Kirche im allgemeinen unterstützt hat, — denn gewißlich muß das Werk der eignen Kirche ein wichtiger Teil in dem Programm der lokalen Gemeinde sein, — sondern auch besonders, daß die Grundlage für Haushalterschaft ihren so wichtigen Grund gefunden habe. Die Mehrheit dieser Berichte bringen nicht nur eine Tabelle für die Auflage, sondern auch eine geistliche Tabelle, welche auf das Verhältnis zu dem Herrn hinweist.

Wir möchten die folgenden Empfehlungen unterbreiten:

1. Die Synode drückt allen klassikalen Ausschüssen ihre Anerkennung für ihr großes Interesse und ihre Bemühungen in Sachen der Haushalterschaft aus.

2. Da in den verschiedenen Klassikalberichten viele lobenswerte Punkte angeführt werden, so empfehlen wir, daß die Klassen solche Empfehlungen an den Ausschuß für Haushalterschaft der Generalsynode einsenden.

3. An Stelle der besonderen Tage für Sammlungen sollten besondere Zeitabschnitte, wie von der Generalsynode angeregt, eingeführt werden.

4. Die folgende Tabelle für die Auflage soll den Klassen zur Annahme empfohlen werden:

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|---|---|
| Ausländische Mission | $1.00 |
| Einheimische Mission | 1.00 |
| Missionshaus | 1.00 |
| Kirchbaufonds | .10 |
| Studentenunterstützung | .15 |
| Predigerunterstützung | .25 |
| Waisenhaus | .25 |
| Christliche Erziehung | .15 |
| Altenheim | .10 |
| Verlagshaus | .05 |
| Amerikanische Bibelgesellschaft | .01 |
| | $4.06 |

5. Da die Exekutive der Generalsynode eine Versammlung von allen Vorsitzenden der klassikalen Ausschüsse für Haushalterschaft einberufen hat, so sollen nicht allein alle Glieder unsers synodalen Ausschusses aufgefordert werden, dieser Sitzung beizuwohnen, sondern bei dieser Gelegenheit soll auch eine besondere Sitzung des Ausschusses für unsre synodale Arbeit abgehalten werden.

6. Da die Generalsynode die verschiedenen Haushalterschaftsausschüsse sozusagen als ihre Repräsentanten für kirchliche Zwecke betrachtet, so ersuchen wir alle Pastoren und Aeltesten, sowie ihre respektiven Gemeinden, mit den klassikalen Ausschüssen Hand in Hand zu arbeiten.

7. Damit die Unterstützung der Reichsgottessache, wie in den Tabellen angeführt, auf eine bessere Weise ermöglicht werden kann, so fordern wir unsre Klassen auf, an ihre Gemeinden zu appellieren, damit der „Roll Call", das Doppel-Kuvertsystem eingeführt werde, daß man sich an Konferenzen in dieser Sache beteilige, und daß man alle erzieherischen Mittel, wie Aufsatz- und Plakat-Kontest usw. handhabe.

8. Daß, wenn möglich, die Synode den Vorsitzenden ihres Haushalterausschusses wiederum ermächtige, an den Sitzungen des „United Stewardship Council" teilzunehmen.

9. Daß wir zum Aufbringen der Gelder für die eigene Gemeinde nur die geeigneten Mittel der Haushalterschaft gebrauchen und alle fraglichen Mittelchen und Methoden verwerfen.

10. Daß die Beamten der Synode bei der nächsten Jahressitzung wiederum eine gewisse Zeit für eine Konferenz von Pastoren und Aeltesten auf dem Programm der Synode einräumen sollen.

A. E. Fischer, Vorsitzender.

## 13. Evangelisation.

(Uebersetzung.)

Der folgende Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen mit der Bemerkung, daß die Exekutive dafür Sorge tragen soll, daß diese Sache an einem Abendgottesdienst durch ein Referat zum Ausdruck komme.

Liebe Brüder! Ihrem Ausschuß wurde von der Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens kein Material überwiesen, doch ist Ihr Ausschuß unter dem Eindruck, daß Evangelisation eine solch wichtige Sache in der Arbeit eines ordinierten Pastors einnimmt, daß unsern Klassen und Gemeinden etwas Bestimmtes unterbreitet werden sollte.

Wir empfehlen daher:

A. Die Gemeinden werden aufgefordert, den Begriff der Evangelisation, wie in der Heiligen Schrift niedergelegt, zu erwägen, damit der entsprechende Weg für eine jede Gemeinde bestimmt werden kann.

B. Synode soll einen geeigneten Pastor ernennen, der bei der nächsten Synodalsitzung einen Vortrag über den Gegenstand „Evangelisation" halten soll, als Richtlinie und Anregung für weitere Untersuchungen und Ausarbeitung eines entsprechenden Programmes für die Synode und für Klassen.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

Der Ausschuß:

A. R. Achtemeier
E. Worthman
H. Barz

## 14. Männerliga.

(Uebersetzung.)

Der folgende Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen:

Liebe Brüder! Ihr Ausschuß über Männerliga möchte berichten, daß ihm der Bericht über „Churchmen's Brotherhood" im Blaubuch übermittelt wurde, und möchte auf Grund dieses Berichtes folgendes zur Annahme empfehlen:

a. Synode freut sich über den Fortschritt dieser Sache in der Kirche, anerkennt die unermüdliche Arbeit der betreffenden Beamten und ermutigt aufs beste die Gründung von Bruderschaften in einer jeden Gemeinde der Synode.

b. Daß alle Bruderschaften in unsrer Synode sich mit der „Churchmen's Brotherhood" der Generalsynode vereinigen sollen, damit ein gemeinsames Programm befolgt werden kann, für die Anregung der geistigen Entwicklung und Einreihung in einer besseren Betätigung.

c. Daß alle Gemeinden ermutigt werden, das Werk der Männerliga (Brotherhood) durch finanzielle Beisteuer zu unterstützen. Der Minimal-Beitrag, der verlangt wird, ist die bescheidene Summe von 7⁄8 Cents pro Glied.

d. Daß der zweite Sonntag im Oktober als „Brotherhood Sunday" bezeichnet werde, an dem die Arbeit und die Führerschaft der Laien-Männer berücksichtigt werden soll und die Arbeit der Männerliga (Brotherhood) besondere Beachtung empfange.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

H. G. Settlage
E. C. Jaberg
John Florin

## 15. Frauenmissionsvereine.

Der folgende Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen:

(Uebersetzung).

Liebe Brüder! Die folgenden Punkte wurden Ihrem Ausschuß für Frauenmissionsvereine überwiesen:

A. Der Bericht der Präsidentin des Frauenmissionsvereins unsrer Synode, Frau A. R. Achtemeier, Blaubuch, Seite 29.

B. Inhalt der Ansprache von Fräulein Helen M. Nott, Schreiberin Zentral-West und Glied des Verschmelzungs-Ausschusses der W.M.S.G.S. und der Ev. Frauen-Union.

Ihr Ausschuß möchte hiermit folgende Vorschläge für wohlwollende Erwägung unterbreiten:

1. Die Synode drückt ihre vorzügliche Hochachtung aus für all die Marias und Marthas, die Tryphänas und die Tryphosas, die Lydias und die Dorcas, die Phoebes und die Priscillas, die Eunices und die Loises in unsrer Synode, die ihre Alabastervasen ausschütten über den lebendigen Leib unsers Herrn Jesu, nämlich die Christliche Kirche.

2. Wir befürworten, daß Frauen in solchen Gemeinden in unsrer Synode, die noch keinen lokalen Frauenmissionsverein, Mädchengilde oder Kinder-Missionsverein haben, die freundliche Einladung annehmen, wie in Pkt. 5 in dem Bericht von Frau Achtemeier angegeben ist, solche ins Leben zu rufen

oder wenigstens um Drucksachen zu bitten, um sie in ihren lokalen Vereinen und in ihren Heimen zu gebrauchen.

3. Daß sich die Pastoren eingehender mit dem erzieherischen Programm des Frauenmissionsvereins befassen möchten und dasselbe in entsprechender Weise ihren lokalen Verhältnissen anpassen.

4. Wir empfehlen allen Pastoren, die Vertreter der W.M.S. in ihren Gemeinden willkommen zu heißen, um mit dem gesegneten Werk dieser Frauenorganisation bekannt zu werden, das diese in dem Halbjahrhundert ihres Bestehens vollbracht hat.

5. Die Präsidenten aller Klassen werden ersucht, auf das Gesuch der Vereinigungskommission der W.M.S.G.S. und der Ev. Women's Union einzugehen und zwei Frauen zu ernennen, die als Delegatinnen zu der Konvention unsrer Frauen abgeordnet werden, welche nicht später als November 1939 abgehalten werden soll. Namen und Adressen sind zu senden an Miß Carrie M. Kerschner, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

Henry C. Nott
George Grether
J. H. Freitag

## 16. Studentenhilfe.

### Bericht der Behörde.

Der Bericht wurde wie folgt angenommen:

(Uebersetzung).

An die Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Ihre Behörde für Studentenhilfe unterbreitet den folgenden Bericht:

1. Während des vergangenen Schuljahres hat Ihre Behörde ihre Pflichten erfüllt in Uebereinstimmung mit den Regeln und Anweisungen der Synode in Bezug auf Studentenunterstützung und gab finanzielle Unterstützung an die folgenden:

| | |
|---|---|
| Walter Odenbach | $107.50 |
| Carl Ringer | 107.50 |
| Gordon Robinson | 107.50 |
| Fredrick Drucker | 100.00 |
| Harvey Noremberg | 100.00 |
| Willard Sherman | 107.50 |
| Orville Schroer | 150.00 |
| Dilman Rodel | 150.00 |
| Henry Roemer | 150.00 |
| Clarence Koehler | 107.50 |

2. Gesuche für weitere Unterstützungen wurden bei der Behörde eingereicht und belaufen sich auf $1,137.50. Weiterhin sind noch zwei Anfragen eingelaufen, und wenn diese von ihren respektiven Klassen gutgeheißen und in der richtigen Form eingereicht werden, so würde sich die benötigte Summe auf $1,387.50 pro Schuljahr belaufen. Wir empfehlen, daß unsre Gemeinden durch ihre Klassen ersucht werden, die Summe von 15 Cents pro konfirmiertes Glied aufzubringen.

3. Ihre Behörde wurde aufgefordert, die Art des Uebereinkommens zwischen Synode und Studenten zu revidieren, indem die Unterstützung in ein Darlehen umgeändert werden und nicht ein Geschenk bleiben soll. Wir empfehlen, daß man diese Angelegenheit verschiebe, bis sich die Vereinigung zwischen der Evangelischen und der Reformierten Kirche vollkommen gestaltet hat.

4. Wir machen die Schreiber der verschiedenen Klassen darauf aufmerksam, daß sie sich die Applikations-Formulare für ihre respektiven Studenten verschaffen sollen. Diese Formulare können von der Erziehungsbehörde der Generalsynode in Philadelphia, Pa., erlangt werden.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

E. L. Worthman
C. Weckmüller

## 17. Publikation.

(Uebersetzung.)

Der Bericht wurde wie folgt angenommen: Pkt. 3 wurde an den Finanzausschuß überwiesen.

An die Ehrwürdige Synode:

Ihrem Ausschuß wurden die folgenden Punkte überwiesen:

1. Ein Brief, datiert 10. Juni 1937, von der Behörde des Verlagshauses auf eine Anfrage von der Synode im Jahr 1936.

2. Ein Brief, datiert 7. September 1938, von der Verlagshaus-Behörde auf ein Gesuch, das im Jahr 1937 von der Synode gestellt wurde.

3. Ein Gesuch der Verlagshausbehörde an die Synode um Zahlung von 3 Cents pro Glied für das laufende Jahr für die Zahlung der Leibrenten-Zinsen.

4. Der Finanzbericht des Verlagshauses, wie im Blaubuch von 1938 gedruckt.

5. Inhalt der Ansprache von Dr. Carl F. Heyl an die Synode.

Ihr Ausschuß empfiehlt:

1. Daß die Synode von der Antwort der Zentral-Verlagshaus-Behörde Kenntnis nimmt und die Sache als erledigt erklärt.

2. Daß die Synode die Antwort der Zentral-Verlagshaus-Behörde auf ihr Gesuch um Information im Jahr 1937 vernehme und diese Angelegenheit als in zufriedenstellender Weise erledigt erklärt.

3. Daß die Synode die Angelegenheit einer Auflage von 3 Cents pro Glied an den Finanzausschuß verweise mit der Anweisung, diesen Punkt in dem Voranschlag zu berücksichtigen.

4. Daß Synode der Behörde des Zentral-Verlagshauses ihre Anerkennung ausspreche für die gute finanzielle Lage 1937 und alle Pastoren und Aelteste auffordere, sich mit diesem Bericht vertraut zu machen, damit man ein unparteiisches Urteil in der Sache abgeben kann.

5. Daß die Synode ihre Genugtuung über die Darstellung des „Certified Public Accountant", wie im Blaubuch angegeben, ausspreche.

6. a. Synode dankt Dr. Heyl für seine klare Darlegung der Vergangenheit, Gegenwart und Zukunft des Zentral-Verlagshauses.

b. Synode versichert aufs neue ihr Vertrauen zu Dr. Carl F. Heyl und Hrn. Peter Wetzel als Editor und Verwalter des Zentral-Verlagshauses.

c. Synode fordert ihre Pastoren und Glieder auf, das Verlagshaus mit Gebet und Gaben zu unterstützen.

d. Gemeinden werden aufgefordert, ihre Bedürfnisse für Sonntagsschulen und andere Drucksachen von dem Zentral-Verlagshaus zu beziehen.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

Esra R. Vornholt
John Mohr
Wm. H. Burrichter

## 18 und 19. Nominationnen und Wahlen.

Der Ausschuß berichtete zur festgesetzten Zeit. Der Bericht wurde angenommen; dann wurde der Ausschuß beauftragt, für den Druck der Stimmzettel zu sorgen. Eine Stichwahl mußte in einigen Fällen vorgenommen werden. Die Glieder des Nominationsausschusses dienten als Wahlführer.

Der Bericht wurde wie folgt angenommen:

(Uebersetzung.)

Ihr Ausschuß für Nominationen und Wahlen unterbreitet den folgenden Bericht:

A.

**1. Missionshaus-Behörde:**

Pastor Ed. M. De Buhr
Pastor A. Krützman
Pastor K. J. Stübbe

**2. Einheimische Missionsbehörde, Departement des Nordwestens:**

Pastor E. H. Vornholt
Pastor Ch. H. Riedesel
Pastor Walter Stuckey

**3. Zentral-Verlagshaus-Behörde:**

Pastor H. C. Nott
Pastor D. E. Bosma
Pastor H. T. Vriesen

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**4. Waisenhaus-Behörde:**

Aeltester John Dick
Aeltester Elmer Fogt
Aeltester Alfred Kauel

**5. Altenheim-Behörde:**

Aeltester Wm. Rodewald
Aeltester Julius Ochs
Aeltester J. W. Freitag

**6. Erziehungs-Behörde:**

a. Pastor E. G. Krampe
Pastor John Scheib
Pastor Frank Stucki

b. Aeltester Wm. Johanning
Aeltester Henry Maurer
Aeltester Otto Greibe

B.

Ihr Ausschuß für Nominationen und Wahlen berichtet, daß die folgenden Glieder als Glieder der Behörden erwählt wurden:

1. Missionshaus, Pastor K. J. Stübbe.
2. Departement des Nordwestens, Pastor Walter J. Stuckey.
3. Zentral-Verlagshaus, Pastor H. C. Nott.

4. Waisenhaus, Aeltester John Dick.
5. Altenheim, Aeltester Wm. Rodewald.
6. Christliche Erziehungsbehörde: Pastor E. G. Krampe, Aelt. Henry Maurer.

Die Auslagen für den Druck der Stimmzettel waren $2.50, die dem Schatzmeister zur Auszahlung überwiesen wurden, zahlbar an Pastor A. Krützman.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

A. Geo. Schmid
Herman Lehman
Alvin O. Engelmann
B. M. Fresenborg
Walter Baumgartner
D. E. Bosma
John Hauck
W. J. Krieger

## 20. Finanzen.

Der Bericht wurde wie folgt als Ganzes angenommen, ebenso der Bericht des Schatzmeisters.

(Uebersetzung.)

Liebe Brüder! Die folgenden Punkte wurden Ihrem Ausschuß überwiesen:

A. Bericht des Schatzmeisters der Synode.
B. Rechnungsbuch nebst Belegen des Schatzmeisters.
C. Auflage von 3 Cents pro Glied für die Zahlung der Leibrenten des Verlagshauses.
D. Inhalt der Bemerkungen von Dr. E. G. Krampe in Bezug auf den Reserve-Fonds.
E. Auflage von ½ Cent pro Glied für die Hafenmission.
F. Reiseauslagen für die Delegaten der Synode.

1. Ihr Ausschuß hat den Bericht des Schatzmeisters samt Belegen geprüft und in Ordnung gefunden. Folgendes Guthaben ist vorhanden:

| | |
|---|---|
| Bank-Guthaben der Synode | $3107.44 |
| Reserve-Fonds, Bar | 1330.03 |
| Noten | 350.00 |
| Studentenunterstützungs-Fonds | 1401.02 |

2. Der Voranschlag für 1938/39 sollte folgende Punkte berücksichtigen:

| | |
|---|---|
| Reiseauslagen der Delegaten zur Synode | $1650.00 |
| Gehalt des Schreibers | 200.00 |
| Kirchendiener | 10.00 |
| Druck- und Versandkosten | 800.00 |
| Reisekosten, Missionshausbehörde | 100.00 |
| Hafenmission | 138.06 |
| Zinsen für die Leibrenten, Verlagshaus | 828.36 |
| Reserve-Fonds | 69.16 |
| Verschiedenes | 200.00 |
| | $3995.58 |

Um diesen Voranschlag zu decken, empfiehlt die Synode eine Auflage von zwölf Cents (12), die sich auf die Klassen wie folgt verteilt:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sheboygan-Klassis | 8370 Glieder | $1004.40 |
| Milwaukee-Klassis | 6135 Glieder | 736.20 |
| Minnesota-Klassis | 3399 Glieder | 407.88 |
| Nebraska-Klassis | 951 Glieder | 114.12 |
| Ursinus-Klassis | 2095 Glieder | 251.40 |
| Süd-Dakota-Klassis | 1998 Glieder | 239.76 |
| Portland-Oregon-Klassis | 973 Glieder | 116.76 |
| West-Canada-Klassis | 1077 Glieder | 129.24 |
| Eureka-Klassis | 1918 Glieder | 230.16 |
| California-Klassis | 696 Glieder | 83.52 |
| | | $3313.44 |

3. In Bezug auf den Gebrauch der Synode, eine gewisse Summe für den Reserve-Fonds für verschiedene Fälle bereit zu halten, empfehlen wir der Synode, daß dieser Fonds intakt bleibe und nur für den einen Zweck gebraucht werde, nämlich, daß der Schatzmeister Gelder an Hand habe, wenn solche in der Allgemeinen Kasse fehlen.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,
W. J. Stuckey
E. Großhüsch
Herman Paschen

## B. Bericht über Meilengelder.

### Sheboygan-Klassis.

Pastoren:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| E. Jaberg | 410 | | $19.68 | Wm. Oelrich | 400 | | 9.60 |
| E. H. Weßler | 410 | | 9.84 | J. Gatermann | 276 | | 6.63 |
| H. T. Vriesen | 427 | | 10.25 | T. Blaufuß | 400 | | 19.20 |
| C. Hauser | 393 | | 9.43 | O. R. Gerber | 430 | | 20.64 |
| C. Schmidt | 427 | | 10.25 | Wilson Bixler | 390 | | 9.36 |
| R. Klaudt | 430 | | 20.64 | Otto Menke | 407 | | 15.62 |
| E. P. Nuß | 432 | | 20.74 | J. C. Rosenau | 417 | | 20.02 |
| B. Großhüsch | 400 | | 19.20 | John Scheib | 440 | | 21.12 |
| J. W. Großhüsch | 400 | | 9.60 | H. G. Schmid | 403 | | 19.35 |
| W. Bollman | 210 | 218 | 18.80 | B. D. Weidler | 425 | | 20.40 |
| E. L. Worthman | 405 | | 19.44 | K. J. Ernst | 411 | | 20.16 |
| A. G. Schmid | 405 | | 9.72 | Benj. Stucki | 395 | | 18.96 |
| A. Plappert | 405 | | 9.72 | S. Schmiechen | 420 | | 20.16 |
| A. Hammann | 405 | | 9.72 | E. G. Krampe | | 464 | 13.92 |
| P. H. Franzmeier | 400 | | 19.20 | E. Bührer | 240 | 310 | 19.40 |
| E. G. Pfeiffer | 400 | | 19.20 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | $389.97 |

Aelteste:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J. Ochs | 410 | | 9.84 | Herm. Paschen | 446 | | 14.71 |
| Wm. Reineking | 410 | | 9.84 | Wm. Paul | 425 | | 10.20 |
| O. Hahn | 427 | | 20.50 | G. Dennerlein | 403 | | 9.68 |
| A. Mauk | 427 | | 10.25 | Wm. Streblow | 403 | | 9.68 |
| Aug. Hintz | 432 | | 10.37 | Jac. Koehler | 400 | | 9.60 |
| Hm. Behrens | 432 | 85 | 13.77 | Arth. Stock | 430 | | 20.64 |
| Martin Yaniga | 400 | | 9.60 | Otto Hochkammer | 430 | | 10.32 |
| Henry Neuhaus | 400 | | 9.60 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | $178.60 |

## Milwaukee-Klassis.

### Pastoren:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| H. G. Settlage | 353 | | 16.95 | Herman Lehmann | 290 | | 10.67 |
| Frank Settlage | 295 | | 7.08 | C. Flückinger | 268 | | 6.63 |
| H. C. Nott | 376 | | 18.22 | F. W. Knatz | | 433 | 17.32 |
| Geo. Grether | 295 | | 14.16 | A. R. Achtemeier | 276 | | 13.25 |
| A. A. Graf | 380 | | 18.24 | R. Hünemann | 350 | | 16.80 |
| John Mohr | 370 | | 17.76 | L. A. Moser | 350 | | 16.80 |
| R. Rettig | 272 | | 12.96 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | $186.80 |

### Aelteste:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C. Weckmüller | 376 | | 9.11 | J. U. Freitag | 272 | | 6.53 |
| John Accola | 295 | | 7.08 | John Dick | 276 | | 6.63 |
| | | | | | | | $29.35 |

## Minnesota-Klassis.

### Pastoren:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| F. E. Stucki | 212 | | 10.18 | W. J. Stucki | 270 | | 6.48 |
| E. De Buhr | 212 | | 5.09 | C. Großhüsch | 88 | | 4.23 |
| J. Hoffmann | 345 | | 16.56 | Wm. Hünemann | 95 | | 4.56 |
| M. Witmer | 322 | | 15.46 | Esra Bornholt | 285 | | 13.68 |
| W. Baumgartner | 420 | | 20.16 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | $96.40 |

### Aelteste:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Geo. Herman | 212 | | 5.09 | Wm. Eggler | 285 | | 13.68 |
| O. Sandermann | 212 | | 5.09 | H. Barz | 88 | | 2.12 |
| John Florin | 322 | | 7.73 | Wm. Ferleman | 95 | | 2.28 |
| John Thoni | 420 | | 10.08 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | $46.07 |

## Nebraska-Klassis.

### Pastoren:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C. Wm. Deglow | | 280 | 7.60 | C. H. Riedesel | | 260 | 6.00 |
| P. S. Kohler | | 330 | 13.20 | H. K. Hartmann | 300 | | 14.40 |
| H. R. Burkett | 316 | | 7.70 | P. Träger | 300 | | 14.40 |
| Alv. Engelmann | 245 | | 5.80 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | $69.10 |

### Aelteste:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Geo. Pauley | 316 | | 7.70 | Ed. Fuhrmann | 260 | | 12.48 |
| Alfred Kauel | 245 | | 11.76 | John Rupp | | 288 | 11.52 |
| H. Trautmann | 300 | | 7.20 | | | | |
| W. W. Römich | 300 | | 14.40 | | | | $65.06 |

## Ursinus-Klassis.

### Pastoren:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P. Schild | 40 | | 1.92 | John Schlamp | 111 | | 5.33 |
| A. Fischer | 172 | | 8.26 | A. A. Depping | 155 | | 7.44 |
| A. Tendick | 257 | 35 | 5.36 | D. E. Bosma | 32 | | 1.54 |
| Willard Sherman | 125 | | 6.00 | | | | |
| Otto Engelmann | 145 | | 6.96 | | | | $42.81 |

### Aelteste:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C. Klein | 42 | | .99 | B. F. Deppe | 35 | | 1.68 |
| W. Schocker | 172 | | 4.13 | Chas. Bettin | 125 | | 3.00 |
| W. Burrichter | | Buß | 6.50 | | | | |
| Fred Selberg | 38 | 117 | 6.53 | | | | $22.83 |

### Süd-Dakota-Klassis.

Pastoren:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Bodenman | 322 | | 15.46 | K. J. Stübbe | 313 | | 15.03 |
| U. Zogg | 305 | | 7.32 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | $37.81 |

Aelteste:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ludw. Neuhardt | 320 | 73 | 10.60 | J. J. Kirschemann | 300 | | 7.20 |
| A. Großhüsch | 310 | | 14.88 | John Gramm | 512 | | 12.29 |
| John Hauck | 328 | | 7.88 | | | | |
| Henry Schempp | 313 | | 7.49 | | | | $60.34 |

### Portland-Oregon-Klassis.

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Egger | | 1969 | 36.00 | B.M.Fresenborg | 1970 | | 94.56 |
| | | | | | | | $130.56 |

### Eureka-Klassis.

Pastoren:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W. J. Krieger | 616 | | 29.57 | W. B. Wittenberg | 100 | | 4.80 |
| Erich Kämpchen | 560 | | 26.88 | Geo. Wolf | 640 | | 30.32 |
| Otto Hoffner | 640 | | 30.72 | | | | |
| K. Krüger | 650 | | 31.20 | | | | $153.49 |

Aelteste:

| | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag | | Auto | Eisenbahn | Betrag |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John J. Job | 616 | | 14.79 | H. D. Opp | 616 | | 14.79 |
| Adolf Boschee | 665 | | 18.72 | Hy. Neuhardt | 608 | | 14.60 |
| John Strehle | 60 | 546 | 24.72 | Jacob J. Ulmer | 560 | | 13.44 |
| John F. Sprenger | 653 | | 15.68 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | $ 116.74 |
| | | | | Gesamtsumme | | | $1625.97 |

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

Paul Träger
H. R. Burkett
Henry Barz

Handlung der Synode:

Dieser Bericht wurde verlesen, verbessert und dem Schatzmeister zur Auszahlung überwiesen; die Endsumme wurde dem Finanzausschuß mitgeteilt.

## C. Wahl des Schatzmeisters.

Tagesordnung nach Annahme des Finanzberichts war Wahl des Schatzmeisters. Der Ständige Schreiber wurde angewiesen, die Stimme der Synode für Aeltesten Wm. Streblow, Plymouth, Wisconsin, abzugeben. Dann dankte die Synode Hrn. Streblow durch Erheben von den Sitzen für seine jahrelangen und treuen Dienste in Gegenwart von Hrn. Streblow, der mit entsprechenden Worten der Synode dankte.

### 21. Presse.

(Uebersetzung.)

Folgender Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen:

Ihr Ausschuß wird in den kirchlichen und lokalen Blättern über die Sitzungen der Synode in Alleman, Iowa, wie beschlossen, berichten.

C. H. Riedesel
Wm. Reineking

### 22. Entschuldigungen.

Der Ausschuß über Entschuldigungen berichtete unmittelbar vor der Vertagung. Der Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen. Die betreffenden Glieder sind unter Artikel II angegeben.

### 23. Dankesbeschlüsse.

(Uebersetzung.)

Folgender Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen.

Liebe Brüder! Durch die Gnade Gottes und die Gastfreundschaft der Salems-Gemeinde konnte die Synode des Nordwestens ihre Sitzungen in diesem Jahr in Alleman, Iowa, abhalten.

Mit dankbarem Gefühl möchten wir die folgenden Beschlüsse zur Annahme unterbreiten:

a. Wir sprechen unsern Dank allen denen aus, die in den Morgenandachten wie auch in den Abendgottesdienste gedient haben, wie auch Pastor H. T. Briesen für seinen Vortrag.

b. Wir sprechen unsern Dank dem Pastor loci, dem Kirchenrat und dem Kirchenchor aus.

c. Wir danken recht herzlich den Gliedern der Salems-Gemeinde, besonders den Frauen für ihre ausgezeichnete Gastfreundschaft, die sie in ihren Häusern ausübten, wie auch durch die Mahlzeiten für die Delegaten der Synode. Auf keine bessere Weise konnten sie ihre Freundlichkeit und Gastfreundschaft zum Ausdruck bringen.

Der Präsident der Synode soll dafür Sorge tragen, daß diese Dankesbeschlüsse in beiden Gottesdiensten vor der Gemeinde verlesen werden.

Achtungsvoll,

B. D. Weidler
A. A. Graf
Fred Selberg

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## Artikel IX.

## Verschiedenes.

### 1. Bericht des Justizausschusses.

Die ganzen Verhandlungen wurden in englischer Sprache vorgenommen und finden sich im englischen Teil des Protokolls.

### 2. Bericht über Beköstigungsgebühren.

An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens.

Unterzeichneter möchte hiermit berichten, daß ihm folgende Summen als Beköstigungsgebühren übermittelt wurden und dem Ortspastor, Pastor Arthur J. Krützmann, Alleman, Jowa, ausbezahlt worden sind:

| | |
|---|---|
| Von 132 Delegaten | $132.00 |
| Von Besuchern | 19.75 |
| Gesamtsumme | $151.75 |

Achtungsvoll,

C. Wm. Deglow, Registrar.

### 3. Verschiedene Beschlüsse.

1. Pastor E. H. Weßler soll ein Referat liefern, in welchem er seine Grundsätze für Predigerunterstützung niederlegt.

2. Pastor F. W. Knatz soll das an ihn gerichtete Schreiben von Dr. Goebel, Präsident der Generalsynode der Evangelischen und Reformierten Kirche beantworten und ihm die Wünsche der Synode für sein Wohlergehen mitteilen.

3. Pastor K. Krüger wird besonders entschuldigt, um auf einem Missionsfest dienen zu können.

4. Bestimmung von Zeit und Ort wird der Exekutive überlassen.

5. Die Bemerkungen von Pastor E. G. Krampe über den Reserve-Fonds wurden dem Finanzausschuß überwiesen.

6. Past. H. C. Nott und Past. F. W. Knatz werden als Anwälte der Synode ernannt in einer Appellation von Pastor E. H. Weßler, R. Rettig und A. C. Fischer gegen eine Entscheidung von der Synode.

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## Artikel X.

## Vertagung.

Bei Beginn einer jeden Sitzung wurde das Protokoll verlesen, etwaige Verbesserungen gemacht und angenommen.

Nachdem alle Geschäfte erledigt waren, erfolgte die letzte Registration. Die Registration ergab, daß ein Quorum anwesend war.

Darauf wurde das Protokoll der letzten Sitzung verlesen, verbessert und angenommen, dann wurde das Protokoll als Ganzes angenommen.

Dann wurde der Vorschlag zur Vertagung gemacht und angenommen.

Die Synode vertagte sich Samstag nachmittag, den 10. September, um 3:45 P.M., indem die Synodalen gemeinschaftlich das Glau-

bensbekenntnis und das Gebet des Herrn sprachen. Der Präsident erteilte den Segen, und die Synode sang den 2. Lob- und Segensspruch.

Der Präsident erklärte hierauf die Synode des Nordwestens der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten als vertagt, um sich wiederum zu versammeln im Spätjahr des Jahres 1939 an einem Ort und zu einer Stunde und einem Tage, wie von der Exekutive zu bestimmen ist.

F. W. Knatz, Präsident,

H. K. Hartmann, Ständiger Schreiber.

Für getreue Abschrift des Originalprotokolls sowie für getreue Uebersetzung aller in der englischen Sprache eingereichten Berichte bürgt

H. K. Hartmann, Ständiger Schreiber.

(Siegel).

# Anhang.

## Verzeichnis der Behördeglieder mit dem Jahr des Ablaufs ihrer Dienstzeit.

**Missionshausbehörde:**

1939: Pastor E. L. Worthman.
1940: Aeltester C. Weckmüller.
1941: Pastor K. J. Stübbe, D.D.

**Departement des Nordwestens:**

1939: Pastor Paul Großhüsch, D.D.
1940: Pastor A. Geo. Schmid.
1941: Pastor W. J. Stuckey.

**Verlagshausbehörde:**

1939: Aeltester Alfred Treick.
1940: Pastor John Bodenman.
1941: Pastor H. C. Nott, D.D.

**Waisenhausbehörde:**

1939: Pastor F. W. Knatz.
1940: Aeltester John Dick.

**Erziehungsbehörde:**

1939: Prof. Alvin Grether.
1940: Pastor E. H. Weßler, D.D.
1941: Pastor E. G. Krampe, D.D.
1941: Aeltester Henry Maurer.

**Altenheimbehörde:**

1939: Pastor H. G. Schmid.
1940: Aeltester Wm. Rodewald.

**Haushalterschaftsbehörde:** (Vorsitzende der klassikalen Ausschüsse)

Ursinus-Klassis—Pastor A. C. Fischer, Vorsitzender.
Sheboygan-Klassis—Pastor Gilbert Wernecke.
Milwaukee-Klassis—Pastor F. W. Knatz.
Minnesota-Klassis—Pastor F. C. Stucki.
Nebraska-Klassis—Pastor C. Wm. Deglow.
Süd-Dakota-Klassis—Pastor K. J. Stübbe, D.D.
Portland-Oregon-Klassis—Pastor A. Lienkämper.
West-Canada-Klassis—Pastor John Schlamp.
Eureka-Klassis—Pastor Geo. Wolfe.
California-Klassis—Pastor Edw. Evemeyer, D.D.

## II. Zeit der Kollekten.

Missionshaus: Am Weihnachtsfest der Gemeinde und am Reformationsfest.

Einheimische Mission: Passions- und Osterzeit in Gemeinden und Sonntagsschulen.

Heiden-Mission: Am Heidenmissionstag (Februar) oder an einem andern passenden Sonntag.

Kirchbaufonds: Am Pfingsttag in Gemeinden und Sonntagsschulen.
Waisenhaus: Am Weihnachtsfest der Sonntagsschule.
Erziehungsbehörde: Am Kindertag oder an einem andern passenden Sonntag.

An Missions- und Erntedankfesten sollen Kollekten erhoben werden mit besonderer Berücksichtigung der Einheimischen und Ausländischen Mission und des Missionshauses.

Wegen Berichterstattung über Kollekten, siehe Ständige Regel: „Jede Gemeinde soll ihre Gaben unter dem Namen der Pfarrstelle, **wie in der Statistik der Klassis angegeben**, einsenden, **und auch den Namen der Klassis beifügen.**"

## III. Ständige Regeln.

Siehe Blaubuch.

## IV. Schema für Parochialberichte.

(Anmerkung: Es ist nur über diejenigen Punkte zu berichten, über welche etwas zu berichten ist.)

**Einleitung oder Vorbemerkung** — (kurz).

Teile: I. Der Pastor und seine Tätigkeit.
II. Der Kirchenrat und seine Tätigkeit.
III. Die Gemeinde und ihre Tätigkeit.
IV. Besondere Ereignisse.
V. Gesuche.

### I. Der Pastor und seine Tätigkeit.

**1. Sein geistliches und leibliches Wohlergehen.**

a) Sein geistliches Wohlergehen.
(Glaubenskämpfe, Seelenleiden und -freuden, Studien usw.)

b) Sein leibliches Wohlergehen.
(Gesundheit, Freuden, Heimsuchungen, finanzielles Auskommen usw.)

**2. Seine Tätigkeit.**

a) als Prediger (Verkündiger des Wortes, durch Abhaltung von Gottesdiensten, Abendmahl, Gebetsstunden, Vorträgen usw., usw.)

b) als Pastor (Seelsorger), durch Pastoralbesuche, wie oft und wie? durch Krankenbesuche und Privatseelsorge usw.

c) als Lehrer an einer Anstalt oder als Verfasser von Schriften.

d) als Mitarbeiter am Aufbau der eigenen Gemeinde oder des Reiches Gottes im allgemeinen und als Behördemitglied usw. und als Bürger usw.

3. **Sein Verhältnis** (Einvernehmen)
   a) zum Kirchenrat.
   b) zur Gemeinde (Schulen und Vereine eingeschlossen).

II. Der Kirchenrat und seine Tätigkeit.

1. **Als Mitarbeiter des Pastors durch Haus- und Krankenbesuche.**
2. **Als Vorbild und Leiter der Herde.**
   a) im Besuch der Gottesdienste, der Sonntagsschule und des Unterrichts.
   b) als Leiter aller Gemeindeangelegenheiten.
   c) als Ausüber der Bußzucht.
3. **Seine Stellung zu der Klassis, der Synode und der Lehre der Kirche** durch Sendung von Delegaten und Ausführung der Beschlüsse — und Bekämpfung von Irrlehren.

III. Die Gemeinde und ihre Tätigkeit.

**A) Innerer Zustand der Gemeinde.**

1. **Gebrauch der Gnadenmittel.**
   a) des Wortes Gottes — aa) Besuch der Gottesdienste, bb) Achtung und Unterwerfung unter das Wort, cc) Lesen des Wortes Gottes.
   b) der Sakramente: Gebrauch der Taufe, des Abendmahls, usw.
   c) des Gebetes: Hausandacht — Tischgebet — das Gebet im stillen und öffentlich.
   d) der Almosen: Wie werden die Almosengelder gegeben und verwendet? usw.
2. **Doktrinäres Verhältnis.** Konservativ oder neuerungssüchtig? ausgeprägt reformiert oder indifferent? kaltformell oder lebendig im Glauben?
3. **Erziehung.**
   a) im Hause durch Zucht und Vermahnung.
   b) in der Sonntagsschule (Vorzüge und Mängel),
   c) in der Religionsschule (Vorzüge und Mängel),
   d) im Konfirmandenunterricht (Vorzüge und Mängel),
   e) in den Jugendvereinen (Vorzüge und Mängel),
   f) allgemein für alle durch gute Literatur (Kirchenzeitung, Erbauungsbücher usw.)
4. **Sitten.**
   a) Gottvertrauen mit Bezug auf die ersten vier Gebote.
   b) Nächstenliebe mit Bezug auf die letzten sechs Gebote.
5. **Gebräuche,** unterschiedliche von der Ordnung der Ref. Kirche.
6. **Opfer** (hier sollte gesagt werden, aus welcher Quelle die Gaben für die verschiedenen Synodalanstalten, Missionen und Fonds angegeben werden, so lange die Synode dafür keine besondere Statistik hat.
   a) für Arme (Armenpflege, Altenheim usw.)
   b) für Kranke (Krankenpflege und Unterstützung.)
7. **Missionstätigkeit durch Gründung** von neuen Missionen und S.-Schulen in der Umgebung der Gemeinde.
8. **Andre Züge des innern Zustandes der Gemeinde.** Vereinswesen usw.

### B) **Aeußerer Zustand der Gemeinde.**

1. **Gemeindeeigentum** (hier sollten nur die Abänderungen berichtet werden).
   a) Worin solches besteht (Land, Gebäude, Fonds usw.)
   b) Wert und Zustand desselben.
   c) Versicherung.
   d) Verbesserungen und Neubauten.

2. **Finanzen.**
   a) Schulden und deren Abtragung.
   b) Einnahmequellen.

3. **Ruf und Einfluß der Gemeinde in der Umgebung.**

4. **Aussicht auf Zuwachs.**

## IV. Besondere Ereignisse.

1. **Heimsuchungen durch Krankheit, Unglücksfälle und Tod usw.**

2. **Predigerwechsel.**

3. **Jubiläum oder außergewöhnliche Feste.**

## V. Gesuche.

## V. Versammlungen der Synode des Nordwestens mit Angabe der Zeit, des Ortes und der Beamten.

| Zeit | | Ort | Praesident | Schatzmeister | St. Schreiber |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1867 | 28. Mai | St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind. | M. Stern | J. W. Brown | J. H. Klein |
| 1868 | 14. Mai | I. Gem., Indianapolis, Ind. | M. Stern | " | " |
| 1869 | 20. Mai | Howards Grove, Wis. | M. Stern | " | " |
| 1869 | 23. Nov. | Crestline, Ohio | Spezialsitzung | " | " |
| 1870 | 9. Juni | Chicago, Illinois | P. Greding | " | C. Schaaf |
| 1871 | 1. Juni | I. Gem., Cleveland, Ohio | J. H. Klein | " | " |
| 1872 | 23. Mai | Galion, Ohio | J. H. Klein | " | " |
| 1873 | 6. Juni | I. Gem., Indianapolis, Ind. | H. A. Muehlmeier | " | " |
| 1874 | 1. Apr. | Sandusky, Ohio | H. A. Muehlmeier | " | " |
| 1875 | 28. Mai | Zions Gem., Louisville, Ky. | J. F. H. Dieckmann | " | " |
| 1876 | 8. Juni | Terre Haute, Ind. | J. H. Klein | " | " |
| 1877 | 24. Mai | Sheboygan, Wis. | P. Joerris | F. Forwick | " |
| 1878 | 24. Apr. | Salems Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind. | H. J. Ruetenik | " | J. J. Janett |
| 1879 | 1. Okt. | Galion, Ohio | J. G. Zahner | " | " |
| 1880 | 6. Okt. | I. Gem., Cleveland, Ohio | C. T. Martin | " | " |
| 1881 | 5. Okt. | Chicago, Illinois | H. A. Muehlmeier | " | " |
| 1882 | 18. Okt. | Zions Kirche, Louisville, Ky. | C. Schaaf | F. W. Scheele | " |
| 1883 | 3. Okt. | Milwaukee, Wis. | J. F. H. Dieckmann | " | " |
| 1884 | 2. Okt. | St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind. | M. G. I. Stern | " | " |
| 1885 | 7. Okt. | Terre Haute, Ind. | M. G. I. Stern | " | " |
| 1886 | 6. Okt. | Kiel, Wis. | F. Grether | " | " |
| 1887 | 28. Sep. | St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind. | C. F. Kriete | " | " |
| 1888 | 5. Okt. | Town Herman, Wis. | C. F. Kriete | F. W. Hoff | " |
| 1889 | 25. Sep. | Huntington, Ind. | C. Schaaf | " | " |
| 1890 | 3. Sep. | Wheatland, Iowa | C. T. Martin | " | " |
| 1891 | 7. Okt. | Zions Kirche, Louisville, Ky. | C. F. Kriete | " | " |
| 1892 | 5. Okt. | Franklin, Wis. | H. C. Nott | " | " |
| 1893 | 4. Okt. | Riceville (Jackson), Wis. | J. O. Vitz | " | " |
| 1894 | 3. Okt. | St. Joh. Kir., Indianapolis, Ind. | C. F. Kriete | " | " |
| 1895 | 3. Okt. | St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind. | C. F. Kriete | " | " |
| 1896 | 7. Okt. | Town Herman, Wis. | J. Kuelling | " | " |
| 1897 | 6. Okt. | Lafayette, Ind. | J. Kuelling | " | " |
| 1898 | 3. Okt. | St. Louis, Mo. | J. Hauser | " | " |
| 1899 | 27. Sep. | | C. F. Kriete | " | " |
| 1900 | 3. Okt. | Milwaukee, Wis. | C. F. Kriete | " | " |
| 1901 | 2. Okt. | St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind. | F. Grether | " | " |
| 1902 | 1. Okt. | Sheboygan, Wis. | F. Grether | " | " |
| 1903 | 30. Sep. | Im. Kirche, Indianapolis, Ind. | H. C. Nott | " | " |
| 1904 | 14. Sep. | Salems Kirche, Louisville, Ky. | H. C. Nott | " | " |
| 1905 | 4. Okt. | Milwaukee, Wis. | W. F. Horstmeier | " | " |
| 1906 | 3. Okt. | Magley, Ind. | J. F. Winter | " | " |
| 1907 | 2. Okt. | Town Herman, Wis. | C. F. Kriete | " | " |
| 1908 | 7. Okt. | Terre Haute, Ind. | J. O. Vitz | " | " |
| 1909 | 6. Okt. | Zions Kirche, Louisville, Ky. | F. Grether | " | " |
| 1910 | 5. Okt. | St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind. | H. W. Vitz | " | " |
| 1911 | 11. Okt. | Baxter, Iowa | L. H. Kunst | " | " |
| 1912 | 25. Sep. | Terre Haute, Ind. | E. G. Krampe | " | " |
| 1912 | 4. Dez. | Plymouth, Wis. | Spezialsitzung | " | " |
| 1913 | 8. Okt. | Salems Kir., Lafayette, Ind. | E. G. Krampe | " | " |
| 1914 | 30. Sep. | Zions Kirche, Waukon, Iowa | E. G. Krampe | W. Streblow | J. Schmalz |
| 1915 | 29. Sep. | St. Pauls Kir., Wheatland, Ia. | F. Grether | " | " |
| 1916 | 4. Okt. | Sarons Kir., Sheb. Falls, Wis. | Geo. Grether | " | " |
| 1917 | 2. Okt. | Zions Kir., Sheboygan, Wis. | Dr. J. J. Janett | " | " |
| 1918 | 2. Okt. | Im. Kirche, Greenwood, Wis. | A. Muehlmeier | " | " |
| 1919 | 17. Okt. | Zwingli Kir., Monticello, Wis. | V. Rettig | " | " |
| 1920 | 13. Okt. | Town Herman, Wis. | V. Rettig | " | E. G. Krampe |
| 1921 | 12. Okt. | Plymouth, Wis. | F. A. Rittershaus | " | " |
| 1922 | 4. Okt. | Immanuels Kir., Sutton, Neb. | Paul Traeger | " | " |
| 1923 | 19. Sep. | Salems Gem., Ludlow, Iowa | Paul Traeger | " | " |
| 1924 | 24. Sep. | Imm. Gem., Klemme, Iowa | A. Muehlmeier | " | " |
| 1925 | 23. Sep. | Potter, Wis. | H. T. Vriesen | " | " |
| 1926 | 14. Sep. | Menno, S. Dak. | H. T. Vriesen | " | " |
| 1927 | 6. Sep. | Immanuels Kir., Sutton, Neb. | E. L. Worthman | " | " |
| 1928 | 4. Sep. | Waukesha, Wis. | K. J. Ernst | " | " |
| 1929 | 3. Sep. | Wheatland, Iowa | K. J. Ernst | " | " |
| 1930 | 2. Sep. | Garner, Iowa | K. J. Ernst | " | " |
| 1931 | 8. Sep. | Sauk City, Wis. | H. G. Settlage | " | " |
| 1932 | 6. Sep. | Mission House | Josias Friedli | " | " |
| 1933 | 5. Sep. | Kiel, Wis. | Josias Friedli | " | " |
| 1934 | 4. Sep. | New Glarus, Wis. | Josias Friedli | " | " |
| 1935 | 3. Sep. | Sheboygan, Wis. | K. J. Stuebbe | " | " |
| 1936 | 8. Sep. | Plymouth, Wis. | K. J. Stuebbe | " | H. K. Hartmann |
| 1937 | 24. Aug. | Mission House | F. W. Knatz | " | " |
| 1938 | 6. Sep. | Alleman, Iowa | F. W. Knatz | " | " |



# ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST

OF THE

## Reformed Church in the United States

(Evangelical and Reformed)

at its Seventy-second Annual Meeting in
Salem's Reformed Church in Alleman, Iowa,

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ARTICLE I

### 1. Opening Service

The Synod of the Northwest of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in general convention at Salem's Reformed Church in Alleman, Iowa, in its 72nd annual session, September 6 to September 11, 1938.

The session was opened with a religious service, Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 7:30 P.M., at which the President, Rev. F. W. Knatz, preached the sermon on Acts of the Apostles 27:20-25. The Vice-President, Rev. E. H. Wessler, D.D., led the liturgical part.

After the Synod had been called to order for its business session, the Registrar reported that a quorum was present. The delegate from the New Glarus Congregation was recognized as such and received the right to vote.

Synod proceeded to the election of a president and a vice-president. The Stated Clerk read the rules concerning election. As tellers were appointed: Revs. R. Klaudt, F. Stucki, R. Achtemeier, and Elder H. Neuhaus. Rev. F. W. Knatz was re-elected president and Rev. E. H. Wessler, D.D., vice-president.

The Order of Business as given in the Blue Book was adopted, with provision for minor changes. The various rules of order pertaining to leave of absence and claims for mileage were read by the Stated Clerk.

The pastor loci welcomed the delegates and made some announcements. The President expressed his thanks and also the thanks of the Vice-President for the confidence shown them.

Synod then adjourned to meet again Wednesday morning at 8:30 A.M. The Vice-President pronounced the benediction and the assembly sang the Doxology.

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## Article II

### 1. Registration

The Registrar reported at the opening of every session and also after the final roll call. A quorum was present at every session.

The complete record of daily registrations, members present, attendance, and leave of absence will be found in Art. II, 1, of the German portion of the minutes.

### 2. Advisory Members and Visitors

The following report was adopted as a whole:

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest:

Your Committee on Advisory Members and Visitors makes the following report:

A. Advisory members present:

Rev. Theophilus Hilgeman, Northwest Ohio Classis, Missionary to China.

Rev. John C. Horning, D.D., Missouri-Kansas Classis, Central-West Superintendent of the Board of Home Missions.

Rev. Athniel Stienecker, Ft. Wayne Classis, Superintendent of Ft. Wayne Orphans' Home.

Rev. Carl F. Heyl, D.D., Northeast Ohio Classis, Editor of the "Kirchenzeitung".

Rev. A. C. Yost, David Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio.

B. Visitors present:

Rev. A. D. Mohr, Grand View Baptist Church, Des Moines, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Seidler
Theophil Blaufuss

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## Article III

### Organization

#### 1. RULES OF ORDER

The Rules of Order of the Reformed Church in the United States were observed in the transaction of all business. All sessions were opened either with a devotion or a service, and closed with prayer.

The lower part of the church was designated as Bar of the House.

### 2. OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD

President: Rev. F. W. Knatz, 2735 North 40th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Vice-President: Rev. E. H. Wessler, D.D., 612 Erie Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Stated Clerk: Rev. H. K. Hartmann, Sutton, Nebraska.

Corresponding Secretary: Rev. F. E. Stucki, Waukon, Iowa.

Treasurer: Elder William Streblow, R. 1, Plymouth, Wisconsin.

Registrar: Rev. C. W. Deglow, R. R. 4, Columbus, Nebraska.

Custodian of Archives: Committee consisting of Rev. H. T. Vriesen, Rev. O. A. Menke, Prof. J. Bauer, Ph.D., Rev. H. K. Hartmann, and Elder C. Arnhoelter.

### 3. PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE

The order of business as indicated in the Blue Book was carried out as well as possible.

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## ARTICLE IV

### Appointment of Committees

The President announced the appointment of all committees required by order of business for Synod, and these appointments were adopted by Synod. See complete list of all committees in the German section of Minutes, Art. IV.

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## ARTICLE V

### Presentation of Blue Book and Other Documents

1. According to the custom of Synod, all reports of the Synodical Boards and the Statements of the Boards of General Synod were assembled and sent to all delegates before the meeting of the Synod in the form of a Blue Book.

2. All classical reports on the State of Church were sent to the President of Synod; all reports on educational matters were sent to the Synodical Board on Education, the Rev. E. G. Krampe, D.D., with Statistics No. C and D; all reports on Stewardship were sent to Rev. A. C. Fischer, chairman of the Synodical Board on Stewardship; all other minutes were sent to Rev. R. Rettig, chairman of the Committee on Classes.

3. All requests for leave of absence were referred to the Registrar; all documents from whose contents it clearly appeared to which committee they belonged, were referred to the respective committees. All other documents were duly presented to Synod through the Committee on Overtures.

## Article VI

## Reports of the Officers

### 1. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

(Translation)

The report of the President, Rev. F. W. Knatz, was read Wednesday forenoon and adopted. In this connection the memorial service was conducted under the leadership of Rev. H. C. Nott, D.D. The Stated Clerk read the summaries of the statistics, which are to be published with the report on the State of the Church in the "Kirchenzeitung."

Dear Brethren: It is a difficult task to present a satisfactory report on the State of the Church in a few words. It would be more satisfactory, but would take much time, if all the reports of the Classes on the State of the Church could be presented without abbreviation. Some of these reports follow the prescribed regulations for the parochial reports, and it is easy to find a way through them. In others, it is necessary to work laboriously and it is quite possible that many an item of great importance to the Classes is overlooked in our synodical report.

Interesting, but a sign of the times, is the fact that of the 10 classical reports 6 are written in the American language, whereas 4 use the German language. The latter does not appear any more to be the mother tongue but the language of the grandmother.

We shall try to give a report of our Synod which will contain all the necessary items.

#### I. The Pastors and Their Activities

All classical reports praise the love and faithfulness of our God, who gave joy again and again to our pastors for the proclaiming of His Word, victory over all disappointments and discouragements, and was their comfort and strength in their afflictions.

Several of our brethren were severely visited during the year with sickness and misfortunes. Several ministers' wives had to undergo serious operations. One of our brothers, Rev. Albert Lienkaemper in the Portland-Oregon Classis, mourns the loss of his wife, Rev. Jason Hoffman in the Minnesota Classis the loss of his mother, Rev. Peter Bauer in the Eureka Classis the loss of his oldest son. Synod expresses to all these the heartiest sympathy and beseeches Almighty God for His strengthening support and comfort.

In general very few complaints are mentioned in regard to financial conditions. Ministers' salaries were increased in several Classes. In several congregations the salary of the pastor is in arrears. In one of our Classes, the brethren who are serving missionary charges, are in financial difficulties. Classis resolved to aid these brethren through a special collection.

All classes report that in pastoral activities all ministers are devoting themselves faithfully and conscientiously to their pastoral duties. The preaching of the Word of God, visitations of the homes and of the

sick, instruction of the youth in Sunday-school and in confirmation classes, as well as all other work connected with the ministry of the gospel, were carried out conscientiously and to the best of their ability. In several classes the work of one minister comprises from three to six congregations. No wonder, that such a brother reported to his classis that, many a time, he was inexpressibly tired. Another classis reports: "This is too much for one human being. This condition could be amended if the smaller congregations could be united wherever possible."

According to all classical reports, without exception, the relation between pastors and their consistories and members is a congenial and a happy one. In greatest harmony all work together for the welfare of the congregation and for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

## II. The Consistories and Their Activities

In regard to the activity of the consistories and co-workers of the pastors through home- and sick- visitations only one of our classes reports at length. This classis testifies (what can be asserted of other classes also) that the members of the consistories are in general capable men, who are ready to devote themselves to the responsibilities of their office. One congregation in that classis divides the names of the members among the elders and expects from them that they endeavor to keep alive the interest of their allotted members in regard to church attendance.

It is reported that most of the members of the consistories are faithful in their church attendance and that in this respect they are a good example to the members of the congregation. Many are active in Sunday-school work. Several are active in confirmation instruction.

It is generally reported that the members of our consistories take care of the property of the congregation and act wisely and conscientiously in matters relating to the congregation. Nothing is mentioned about their activity in church discipline. One classis reports, however, that the elders faithfully assisted their ministers and were a great help, also admonished indifferent members, and, in that respect, set a good example.

Concerning their attitude toward the classis and synod and the doctrines of the church, only two classes gave a report. What one classis reports is likely to be true of every other classis: "Most of them have shown a benevolent attitude toward classis and synod, and also a positive attitude toward the doctrines of the Church."

## III. Congregations and Their Activities

### a. *The inner life*

Concerning church attendance no general statement can be made. In some congregations the same is considered as good; others report: "Church attendance could be better." Many attracted by the world and worldly things and through indifference stay away from the House of God. In classes in which reading services are a necessity, due to widely scattered congregations, the complaint is expressed that such services,

especially in the cities, are attended by only a few. One classis reports concerning this: "The reason for that may be found in the fact that good sermon readers are lacking in such congregations. But indifference is the main reason."

In general there seems to be a real longing,—a hunger and thirst after that which the world cannot offer.

The poor participation at the Lord's Supper gives reason for complaint. While one classis reports that in one congregation every member present at the church service partakes of the Lord's Supper, the complaint rises that many cannot understand the importance of this sacrament and stay away from the table of the Lord.

It is without doubt difficult to find out how much prayer is used in the family circle. The prayer in the closet as a rule is not advertised. However, every classical report, by common consent, states that the family worship is on the decrease. One classis expresses the fear that family devotions are confined to table prayers and these are spoken by children only. Another says: "We doubt whether family devotion is conducted in every home." Another classis reports that in many cases, as a guide for family devotion, the "Daily Talks with God" (Abreiss-kalender) is used.

In regard to alms and Christian benevolences no unanimous report can be given. The statement of one of our classes is likely to be true for the whole Synod: "The benevolences, in spite of all wishes for improvement, are not on the road to complete recovery." Some of our congregations have obtained the goal of a paid-up apportionment, but this is not true of most of them. Several reasons may be given for this. Drought and lean years are mentioned, and the present business recession certainly has a share in it, but on the whole, the reason lies deeper. A great truth lies in the statement of one of our classes: "It is too bad that due to human calculation, the Christian alms which God requires becomes an un-Christian one."

Concerning doctrinal relationship the classes which refer to it at all report that their pastors and congregations are conservative in doctrine and are comparatively free, so far, from modernism. In general the good doctrine of the Word of God is emphasized, and we preach Jesus Christ crucified, and that man is saved and redeemed only by the grace of God, through the merits of His Son Jesus Christ.

Christian education in general is faithfully carried out in our Synod. In Sunday-schools, in confirmation instruction, in Vacation Bible Schools, Young People's Societies, and other Christian organizations the advice of our Lord: "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep" is carried out. Complaint is made in regard to an indifference toward Christian literature, although several of our congregations have been successful in sending either a German or an English Church paper into every home of the congregation. In spite of everything, the preaching of the Word of God and childlike faith in, and explanation of, the same remains the main factor in Christian education. In this we strive to be found faithful and blameless workers, who minister truly the word of truth.

b. *Outward Conditions*

As a general rule, our congregations are anxious to keep their church property in the best of condition. Improvements were made everywhere. Redecorations of churches and parsonages, enlargement and improvement of the places of worship, installment of new furnaces and furniture, etc.—all these things make known to the world a love for the House of God.

During the course of the year a new church building was erected, namely in Kiel, in Sheboygan Classis—a beautiful edifice for the neighborhood and a joy for the members of the congregation.

Several congregations report a decrease or full payment of their indebtedness.

**4. Jubilees and Special Festivities**

Here, it will be necessary to go into details, and wherever possible to mention names. We cite according to Classes:

Sheboygan Classis: The Bethel congregation in Town Herman and our Mission House, celebrated their 75th, Ebenezer in Sheboygan their 25th jubilee, and Newton the 10th anniversary of the present pastor.

Milwaukee Classis: The congregations in Monticello, Dane, and Juneau celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Nebraska Classis: Two pastors, names are not mentioned, could celebrate their 30th and 40th year of ordination respectively. The Immanuel Congregation in Sutton celebrated the 60th anniversary and the Zion Congregation in Harvard is planning to celebrate its 50th anniversary this fall.

Ursinus Classis: Rev. O. J. Engelmann celebrated the 40th, Rev. D. C. Bosma the 25th, and Rev. Arthur Kruetzman the 10th anniversary of their ordination.

West Canada Classis: The Salem Congregation celebrated its 30th anniversary last year.

Eureka Classis: In one congregation the 30th anniversary of the congregation with other festivals were celebrated.

**5. Necrology**

According to the minutes of the Classes the following pastors and elders entered into their eternal rest:

Sheboygan Classis: Rev. Wm. F. Horstmeier, D.D., and Rev. Gilbert Wernecke, of Manitowoc; Elders: Julius Bartelt of Elmore, William Paschen of Kaukauna, Gustav Helming and Adolf Rodewald of Zion, Sheboygan.

Milwaukee Classis: Rev. Roland Kuentzel, Elder Caspar Accola.

Ursinus Classis: Rev. J. Christ and Elder Charles Freese of Wheatland and Gustav F. Paulsen of the Monticello Congregation.

Eureka Classis: Elder Martin Pressler of the Hosmer Congregation, and an elder of the Zeeland Congregation.

### 6. Church Union

I quote the following from the classical minutes:

*Sheboygan Classis:* "Church Union has gone beyond the theoretical stage in our Classis; for three actual unions of Reformed and Evangelical congregations took place during the past year, namely the Colby congregation united with the "E" congregation of that place; First Reformed in Appleton united with St. John's Evangelical congregation of that city, and Trinity Reformed congregation in Elkhart Lake united with St. John's Evangelical congregation of that village. Splendid harmony prevails in all these charges, and definite progress is being made. Both the Curtiss-Colby and Appleton charges have become self-supporting as a result of these unions."

*Milwaukee Classis:* "The months of Milwaukee Classis are numbered; soon its books will close. May God bless the new organizations. As co-laborers with God let us work in the name of the Master, sow the seed in faith. The real and lasting result of the work of the past must prove itself in the faith and conduct of our constituency; we have sowed and watered, the increase is with God."

*Ursinus Classis:* "The Ledyard church is in the process of a merger with the "E" congregation there, the Executive Committee of Classis working together with the pastor, the Superintendent of the Department of the Northwest, the President of the Iowa District of the "E" group, and a committee of four each of the "E" congregation and the "R" congregation of Ledyard."

*Portland-Oregon Classis:* "As we approach the consummation of our union with the Evangelical Synod of North America, may we yield ourselves to God. May we catch a glimpse of a higher and yet a common goal, and so be prepared for the change—all, that God's will may be done, and His Kingdom come."

*California Classis:* "An outstanding event, perhaps, of the year was the merging of Trinity Church in West Hollywood and the Evangelical Church of Hollywood. This was beautifully and substantially accomplished with great credit to all concerned. The Classis joins in hearty felicitations and sincere wishes."

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. KNATZ,
President of Synod

## 2. REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

The following report was adopted as a whole:

(Translation)

The various tasks which were entrusted in the past year to the Stated Clerk by Synod, as well as all the other work and correspondence, were attended by the undersigned to the best of his knowledge and ability. A complete report was given to the Executive Committee.

The following printed proceedings of other church organizations were forwarded to the Stated Clerk:

1. Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod 1937.
2. Minutes of Mid-West Synod 1937.
3. Blue Book of Eastern Synod 1938.
4. Minutes of Eastern Synod 1938.
5. Minutes of Reading Classis 1938.
6. Minutes of Ohio Synod of 1937 and 1938.

The Central Publishing House had finished the proofs for printing of the minutes before the close of the year, however, the correspondence concerning printing of statistics (as ordered by Synod) consumed so much time, that the proceedings were mailed a little late once more. The resolution of Synod proved finally impracticable and unwise, so the Publishing House had to do the printing.

According to the rule of Synod the reports on the State of the Church, reports on Education and Stewardship were forwarded to the chairmen of the respective committees. All other reports were sent to the committees to which they belonged, as far as their content was clear.

The Statistics for Synod were again furnished for this year by the Stated Clerk of General Synod, Dr. J. Rauch Stein. Several corrections had to be made by your Stated Clerk.

The mailing list for the Blue Books and Minutes of Synod were most carefully revised. However, the Central Publishing House must have made a mistake, because instead of the 24 special copies, 85 copies were sent to the undersigned. Quite a number can be had by the brethren who desire to have another copy.

In general the undersigned can say that he received from the brethren in the other Classes and from the members of the Executive Committee the best of co-operation, and all business could be transacted in harmony.

Respectfully submitted,
H. K. HARTMANN, Stated Clerk

### 3. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer read his report on Wednesday morning. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance, together with all books and vouchers. (See complete report in Art. VI, 3, in the German section of the minutes.)

### 4. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The following report was adopted as a whole:

(Translation)

To the Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: The Executive Board of Synod took care of business entrusted to them mostly by circular letters. All business was confirmed in a session, Sept. 7, and whatever items still open were finished.

1. All resolutions pertaining to the Treasurer were given and executed:

a. Payment of $2500.00 to the Mission House.

b. Payment to Rev. Land.
c. Annuity payment for the Central Publishing House.
d. Miscellaneous accounts, expenses of Synod meeting in 1937.

2. The resolution of Synod in reference to the printing of the Statistics proved to be impracticable. The work had to be done by the Central Publishing House.

3. The note of Nebraska Classis was returned with the receipt.

4. All other business was transacted by the Stated Clerk as the attached documents testify, which shall be deposited in the Archives.

5. The Harvard, Nebraska, charge informed the Executive Board that they agreed to a cash payment of $350.00 and promised to pay this amount back as follows:

> Three payments of $116.67 November 15, 1938, 1939, and 1940, with 5% interest, payable to Mr. William Streblow in Plymouth, Wisconsin, or successor.

6. The information given by Mr. Peter Wetzel was satisfactory. The payment of the Annuity Interest was then made.

Respectfully submitted,
The Executive Board:
F. W. Knatz
H. K. Hartmann
Wm. Streblow

**5. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARCHIVES**

The report of the Committee was adopted and the Committee was retained for another year. The Stated Clerk shall be a member of said Committee. The Committee shall recommend a price for the remaining copies of "Geschichte der deutschen Synode des Nordwestens."

For the report, see particulars in the German portion of the minutes under Art. VI, 5.

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## Article VII

### Statement of the Executive Committee of General Synod

The Statement of the Executive Board of General Synod was given every delegate in the Blue Book, pages 77-79.

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## Article VIII

### 1. On Religious Services

The report of the Committee was presented at the proper time and adopted as a whole by Synod. The complete program will be found in Article VIII, 1, of the German section of the minutes.

### Other Addresses and Lecture

1. On Wednesday afternoon Rev. H. T. Vriesen read his lecture.

Action of Synod: The president thanked Brother H. T. Vriesen for his work. Some suggestions were made to Rev. Vriesen concerning publication of his paper in the "Kirchenzeitung".

2. The representatives of the various boards were given an opportunity to address Synod in behalf of their work. The contents of these addresses were referred to the proper committees.

(For full list see Art. VIII, 1, in the German portion.)

3. The Educational Conference was held on Thursday afternoon under the leadership of Dr. E. G. Krampe.

4. The Stewardship Conference was held on Friday afternoon under the leadership of Rev. E. H. Wessler for the elders, and Rev. A. C. Fischer for the ministers.

## 2. Minutes of General Synod

The following report was adopted as a whole:

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee respectfully reports as follows:

1. That no copy of the Minutes of General Synod of 1938 has been referred to your committee and that therefore no report can be submitted regarding this item.

2. Regarding the statement of the Executive Committee of General Synod on pages 77-79 in the Blue Book which was referred to your committee, your committee finds that this statement is in effect the same as that which was sent to the various Classes at their spring meetings and was acted upon by Classes, and that no further action is required by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. KRAMPE
U. ZOGG
C. WECKMUELLER

## 3. Minutes of Synod

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD

DEAR BRETHREN: In the synodical proceedings of last year the following items require attention of your Synod. They are as follows:

### I. Committees which are to report this year

1. Special Committee VI, pages 17 and 93. Two reports of Special Committee III of 1936: Relation of Synod of the Northwest and the Mission House toward merger: Revs. K. J. Ernst, K. J. Stuebbe, E. H. Wessler, F. Stucki, Elder Wm. Klumb.

2. Special Committee VII, pages 17 and 112. Student Aid: Revs. Ruben Huenemann, E. D. Bosma, Elder Wm. Klumb.

3. Special Committee VII, pages 17 and 105. Overture by Rev. Pfeiffer, Sunday School Literature: Rev. Wm. Huenemann, Prof. A. Grether, Elder C. Weckmueller.

**II. Recommendations and References to Classes**

1. Synod recommended all the various branches of our Church Work to Classes for energetic support. The actions are contained in the reports of the different committees, pages 99-112.

N.B. The Committee on Classes must report about the action of the Classes.

2. Recommendation of Executive Board, page 86: Reports on Christian Education should be forwarded to the Director of Christian Education immediately after Classis session.

3. Payments of 3 cents per confirmed member to the Central Publishing House for annuity bonds through classical dues.

4. Payment of ½ cent per member to the Harbor Mission.

**III. Instructions to Officers**

1. Page 87. Executive Board shall ask General Synod for necessary copies of Statistics of Classes of Synod of the Northwest.

2. Page 87. Note for $75.00 shall be returned to Nebraska Classis with receipt attached.

3. Page 88. Publication of lecture of Prof. J. Friedli.

4. Page 91. Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance shall be forwarded to representative of Lord's Day Alliance in Milwaukee.

5. Page 104. Executive Board shall forward to all congregations recommendation about the 20,000 Club Plan.

6. Page 108. Conference for Stewardship shall be provided in this year's program.

7. Lecture shall be provided for in 1938, page 117.

8. Page 117. Executive Board shall arrange place and hour of this year's meeting.

9. Rev. H. C. Nott shall present report on Resolutions and express gratitude of Synod, (page 70).

10. Corresponding clerk shall write letter of condolence to the A. Rodewald family, page 117.

11. Rev. H. C. Nott shall give the greetings of Synod to Synod of Mid-West, page 117.

**IV. Miscellaneous**

1. Page 99. Rev. John Bodenman shall continue to gather funds for the fellow Christians in Russia.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee:

H. K. HARTMANN
H. BURKETT
DAVID FUEHRER

Action of Synod:

I. 1, 2, 3 were tabled until report of the respective committees, then the items were taken up and recorded: attended to.

II. 1. Tabled until the report of the Committee on Classes, then taken up and recorded: attended to.

2. Attended to through the Committee on Education.

3. Attended to.

4. Referred to the Committee on Finances.

III. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 tabled until the report of the Executive Board, then taken up and recorded: attended to.

3, 7, , 9, 10, 11 recorded: attended to.

IV. 1. Tabled until report was given, then recorded: attended to.

Then the report was adopted as a whole.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE VI, SYNODICAL EQUITIES

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Synodical Equities has been charged with the task of presenting a "unified report based upon the two reports" which another committee submitted in 1937. We are further to give attention to item 7 of the report of the Committee on Educational Institutions.

Your Committee desires to report as follows:

The petition of Rev. Caleb Hauser is a laudable expression of his zeal for what we believe, in accordance with the word of God, to be the chief function of the church and its ministry: a pure preaching of the Gospel of God as it is in Christ Jesus. We are agreed that the church can never afford to be contemptuous of any solicitude in this respect. We believe that the kingdom of heaven is open to believers and shut against unbelievers by the preaching of the Holy Gospel and by the church discipline.

In studying the two reports which form the basis of our own report, we are glad to observe, and to report to you, that this concern animated every member of the Committee of 1937. Both reports are intent on purity of preaching. Neither of them intends to abrogate or even weaken devotion to our historic Confession of Faith. Both reports insist on retaining not only *the Heidelberg Catechism, but request that theological professors continue to be placed under obligation to it.*

Both reports give evidence of the fear that transfer of the Mission House to General Synod will jeopardize its function of maintaining doctrinal purity. The first report is very outspoken in its declarations, while the second betrays its sense of fear by the request that the *oath of office be retained as a precautionary measure.* It is not our task to evaluate how well grounded this fear may be. We merely state the fact, that, according to both reports, this fear exists among us. As a

token of an aroused sense of responsibility, we welcome this fear and are loath to recommend measures to dissipate it.

In the method by which the aim of the petition is to be reached, the two reports are at variance. In trying to harmonize the conflicting methods, we have found that the previous Committee has overlooked some very important facts, which we call to your attention in line with our task of meeting item 7 referred to. They may offer a powerful aid in accomplishing the end for which we are striving. We must also confess that the "streamlining of the Union"—*contrary to original specifications and solemn promises*—makes the solution of our problem much more difficult. This latter fact seems to justify us in asking a large measure of benevolent consideration in disposing of our problem.

1. The Mission House is owned by four synods. The Synod of the Northwest is only part owner of the institution. Its theological department, in particular, is staffed with men who have been called to their office by direct action of the four constituent synods. Common courtesy, justice and equity would indicate that the Synod of the Northwest should seek the consent and co-operation of its sister synods and joint owners in whatever action it may care to undertake for the continued existence and well-being of the institution. A request, coming from four synods of the Reformed Church in the U. S. will carry a great deal of weight with General Synod.

2. It needs to be noted that, according to the new Constitution, General Synod does not propose to take over the support of the Mission House. It reserves to itself only the supervision of its theological department. For its support the Mission House must shift for itself. Such a plan jeopardizes the very existence of the Mission House. For the re-alignment of the church into new synods, as the Union proposes, deprives the institution of a large proportion of the constituency which heretofore has supported it. Assignment of new areas does not meet the difficulty which we are made to face. New loyalties are not created by an official decree. They are the growth of long and intimate fellowship. They are fostered only by common faith and hope, common ideals and convictions, common struggles and sacrifices.

In meeting our problem it is not even enough for General Synod to take over the support of the Seminary. For, on the one hand, it is known to every one who has given the matter some study that the College and Academy will not long endure if dependent on their own resources and denied the support from areas which the Mission House has nurtured in the 75 years of its existence. On the other hand, a decline of the College and Academy will spell the doom of the Seminary. It should be our endeavor, for this reason, to secure from our General Synod the assurance that it will recognize the Mission House as an integrated unit and provide for its existence on this basis. We believe that such a request is warranted by the fact that the Union deprives the Mission House of the larger number of its constituents who have so loyally and devotedly given their support during the 75 years of its existence. The Union should not mean the death of any vital agency or

institution which—apart from the Union—could look forward to many years of usefulness and service to the church.

In view of these considerations we submit the following declarations and resolutions for your adoption:

1. We are of one mind that the Son of God has gathered, defended, and preserved unto Himself by His Spirit and Word His Church, and has called us into the ministry of His Word, in a world which is by nature hostile to God and His self-revelation. Like unto the prophets and apostles, our own ministry of the Word functions correctly only when, by His grace, it bears witness of His self-revelation.

2. We are further agreed that in His gracious wisdom, the Son of God and Head of the Church universal has given to *us* as *our* teachers those "fathers" whose word and testimony he enabled to bring us into fellowship of those who believe the Word of God. For His sake, and for His sake alone, we give due honor to our *fathers in the faith.*

3. For the sake of Jesus Christ, we lay claim for ourselves and congregations, to the freedom of making and holding to *the Confession to which our Church authorities asked us to take our oath of office.* We do so, because certain provisions in the new Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church lead us to believe that its conception of the nature and function of the church and its ministry is at variance with what we have been taught in the Word of God and which to practice and teach we are under a specific oath to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

4. We respectfully petition the Ohio Synod, Mid-West Synod, and Synod of the East of the Reformed Church in the U. S. to join us in the request to the Evangelical and Reformed Church to continue the existence of the Mission House, whose constituency has been withdrawn from it by the re-alignment of its synods, and to provide for an adequate support and the preservation and character of the Mission House as a school devoted to the theology of the Word of God in the spirit of the Heidelberg Catechism.

5. We respectfully call upon the Board of the Mission House to continue such constitutional provisions which make it possible for us to give it our active support in harmony with our oath of office.

6. We respectfully call upon the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to re-examine its conception of the nature and function of the Church and its ministry and to make such alterations, either by insertions, modifications, or omissions in the New Constitution which will give expression to its agreement and solidarity with the conception of the function of the ministry of the Word of God in the church, by reason of which the Reformed Church in the United States felt free to ask of its ministers an *oath of office* and by reason of which the Evangelical Synod of North America maintained at least temporary supervision over its candidates for the ministry of the Word of God before final admission to the holy office.

7. We advise our Classes to retain their identities until General

Synod shall have taken over the properties in which they now hold an interest. Failure to do so involves forfeiture of their legal rights.

8. We recommend that Synod appoint one or more representatives who are to present our request to our sister synods and joint owners of the Mission House in person at their next meeting.

9. We recommend that items 11 and 12 of the first report of the Committee of 1937 be referred to the Committee on Religious Education.

Respectfully,

(Signed) KARL J. ERNST
E. H. WESSLER
FRANK E. STUCKI
K. J. STUEBBE

NB. Payment of expenses of members of the Committee has been made by written authority of the officers of Synod. They are as follows: Rev. K. J. Stuebbe, D.D., $19.94; Rev. F. E. Stucki, $13.40.

Action of Synod:

The report of Special Committee VI (of 1937 to report in 1938) was adopted as a whole, and the Rev. E. H. Wessler, D. D., was appointed to represent the Synod of the Northwest before the sister synods and joint owners of the Mission House as well as before the General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE VII**

The following report was adopted as a whole.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee calls attention to the fact that from the minutes of Synod (1937) page 63 it appears as if your committee had been appointed to gather a fund or funds for Student Aid. Thus the minutes give an unclear impression of the purpose of your committee. In point of fact your committee was appointed to study ways and means of creating a suitable agency for the administration of a permanent fund for Student Aid.

This matter was discussed by your committee and it begs to report that:

Since the matter of Student Aid for students of the ministry must be considered in relation to the theological seminaries of the church,

And since in our section of the church the position of the Mission House is involved, and that question is now under consideration by another committee of Synod,

We therefore recommend that the matter of establishing a permanent fund for Student Aid be indefinitely tabled.

RUBEN HUENEMANN
D. E. BOSMA
HENRY NEUHAUS

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE VIII, APPOINTED IN 1937 ON SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE**

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee was instructed to investigate and report on the content of Sunday-school literature sent out by the Board of Christian Education.

Your committee has studied the literature to some extent and also made investigation among ministers and congregations where it is used or has been used and would like to call Synod's attention to the following findings:

A number of Sunday-schools are not using this literature because of the unsatisfactory explanations given in the lessons. For instance:

Vol. I, No. 3, page 12, Junior Uniform Lesson Guide. It deals with a lesson on Deborah, Judges 4:1-9, 12-14, and is headed: "To think about."

"In the time when much of the Old Testament was written, people did not understand what God is like. They thought that he was much like them and would get angry and punish people when they did what was wrong. Later on people began to realize that God is like a kind father or mother; that he is sad to see people do what is wrong but ready to forgive when they are sorry for wrong."

The writer of the book of Judges did not know that God was like a kind parent.

Vol. No. 3, page 16, Junior Uniform Lesson Guide, concerning Gideon: Judges 7:4-7 and 15-23:

"In the days of the judges people thought you should love God and hate your enemy. When Jesus came to live on this earth to show people what God was like, he taught not only that we must love God but also love and help our enemies, or those people who are unkind to us and do not show love to us. What things would be changed if people kept Jesus' Law?"

Such explanations give the child the impression that the Old Testament brings to us a God of wrath and that not until the coming of Christ the love of God was revealed. It inadvertently creates the thought in the mind of the child that the writings of the Old Testament are inferior to those of the New Testament and leaves a wrong impression in the mind of the child.

No. 2, page 62, Intermediate Uniform Lesson Guide, Lesson on the Resurrection of Christ.

"Christ in his physical being could not remain with the disciples forever. He withdrew his visible presence and appeared spiritually only."

This at least leaves the impression that they deny the bodily resurrection of Christ.

We have read some other literature, for instance the magazine "Youth" and "Primary Church School Leaflets", and in our opinion they contain similar objectionable matter.

We recommend that the Synod of the Northwest disapproves of such denials of the Faith of the Church and insists that all Church School materials published by an agency of the Church should conform to the constitution and creed of the Church.

Respectfully,
The Committee:
WM. HUENEMANN
C. WECKMUELLER

Action of Synod:

The report was adopted as a whole as given above with the following resolution: This action of Synod shall be submitted to the Board of Education of General Synod and to the General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

## 4. On Classes

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee has received the minutes of the various Classes. After careful examination your Committee calls the attention of the Synod to the following items:

#### I. Things Censurable

1. Sheboygan Classis

b. Fails to define bar of house at special session held on Aug. 23, 1938, at Kiel, Wisconsin (St. Peter's Reformed Church.)

2. Minnesota Classis

a. Refers the report of special committee No. 1 concerning realignment of new synods without indicating what action Classis took upon the report.

b. Fails to adopt treasurer's report, after referring it to Committee on Finance.

3. Nebraska Classis

a. Refers the report of treasurer to the Finance Committee but fails to adopt his report.

4. Ursinus Classis

a. Fails to give addresses of officers.

b. Refers request from General Synod on realignment to the Executive Committee; however, this item is also found in the hands of the Committee on Realignment which act upon it, without having item referred to it.

5. South Dakota Classis

a. Audits treasurer's report but fails to adopt it.

6. Portland-Oregon Classis

a. Audits treasurer's report but fails to adopt it.

7. West Canada Classis

a. Fails to report from where Rev. I. Neumann was received.

b. Audits treasurer's report but fails to adopt it.

8. Eureka Classis
   a. Audits treasurer's report but fails to adopt it.

9. California Classis
   a. Audits treasurer's report but fails to adopt it.

### II. Requests and References

1. Sheboygan Classis

a. Acknowledges and apologizes to the judicatories of the church for an error made in the licensure of Student Gordon Robinson and wishes to inform Synod that the irregularity has been made good through the presentation of the missing document, the diploma of the licentiate, at the special meeting of Classis, August 23, 1938.

2. Milwaukee Classis

a. Requests Synod of the Northwest to print statistical tables with the Synod's minutes.

b. Resolves to overture Synod of the Northwest to send a copy of the report of its Committee on Ministerial Relief to all ministers of Synod to be read to their congregations on Ministerial Relief Sunday or on some other suitable occasion. (Min. of Cl., p. 18-19.)

3. Minnesota Classis

a. Requests that Synod again print the statistical tables of all Classes.

4. South Dakota Classis

a. Reminds Synod that Synod's Committee on Publications makes no manner of recommendations with regard to Central Publishing House and regrets the same.

5. Portland-Oregon Classis

a. Requests Synod to print statistical tables with the synodical minutes.

6. West Canada Classis

a. Accepts the Rettig-Knatz Minority report of Special Committee No. 3 and requests that this action be called to the attention of Synod's Special Committee of which Prof. K. J. Ernst is Chairman.

7. Eureka Classis

a. Calls the attention of Synod in connection with Item 20, e, page 66, Minutes of Synod, to the fact that this Classis and the former North Dakota Classis have no debt to General Synod.

b. Regarding Item 10, page 52, Minutes of Synod, Eureka Classis accepts change of constitution with regard to the house-father of the Mission House.

c. Informs Synod that two copies of the statistical tables for each pastor are sufficient and statistics need not be printed in the minutes of Synod.

8. California Classis

a. Does not wish to have Synod print the statistical tables.

### III. Appeals and Complaints

1. Sheboygan Classis

a. Files notice of the appeal of Rev. E. Buehrer against action of Classis, namely, dissolution of pastoral relation to congregation and suspension of minister; and appoints E. H. Wessler, J. C. Rosenau and H. Vogel as its attorneys.

2. Ursinus Classis

a. Files notice of Complaint and Protest of certain members of Classis against action of Classis (p. 24) and appoints A. C. Fischer to represent Classis at Synod's hearing.

### IV. Decisions of Classes on matters referred to them by Synod

1. Sheboygan Classis

a. Decides to print its own statistics.

b. Refers the appointment of a promoter for the 20,000 Club Plan to the Committee on Missions, which takes no further action on the matter.

2. Milwaukee Classis

a. Refers the appointment of a promoter for the 20,000 Club plan to the Committee on Missions, which takes no further action on the matter.

3. Minnesota Classis

a. With reference to page 40, I, a, Minutes of Synod, Minnesota Classis takes recognition of the censure and wishes to answer the Synod as follows: "The item is misunderstood. Rev. Buetelle *was* dismissed to Zion Reformed Church, Waukon, Iowa, not as a minister but as a lay member. Rev. Buetelle is not on the Roll of Minnesota Classis."

b. Takes note of Synod's action regarding a Committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism (page 29, item 4, a) but fails to appoint committee.

c. Fails to appoint Committee on Removal of Members (Min. of Synod, page 39.)

4. Nebraska Classis

a. Takes note of Synod's decision in regard to the Sutton, Nebraska, conflict.

b. Takes note of Synod's decision regarding the crossing of the name of Rev. Carl S. Green from the roll of Classis.

c. Takes note of Synod's offer to loan Zion Congregation, Harvard, Nebr., $400.00.

d. Takes note of Synod's cancellation of $75.00.

e. Takes note but fails to appoint a Committee on Removal of Members.

f. Neglects to appoint Committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism.

g. Fails to take action with regard to Synod's request to continue promotion of Mission House Jubilee Fund (page 51, Minutes of Synod).

5. Ursinus Classis

a. Fails to appoint Committee on Removal of Members.

6. South Dakota Classis

a. Takes note of the report of the Judicial Committee of Synod regarding matters pertaining to the Sutton Congregation.

7. Portland-Oregon Classis

a. Fails to appoint Committee for Removal of Members.

b. Overlooks Synod's request to appoint a promoter for 20,000 Club Plan.

8. West Canada Classis

a. Fails to appoint Committee on Removal of Members.

b. Fails to appoint Committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism.

9. Eureka Classis

a. Takes notice but fails to appoint Committee on Removal of Members.

b. Refuses to accept the 3 cent contingent fee for interest of Central Publishing House Bonds.

c. Fails to appoint Committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism.

**V. Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismissal**

1. Sheboygan Classis

a. Received Prof. Wm. C. Beckmann from Fort Wayne Classis, Mid-West Synod.

b. Received Rev. C. Schmidt from Clarion Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

c. Dismisses Rev. H. K. Hartmann to Nebraska Classis.

d. Ordains and installs Licentiate Theophil Blaufuss.

e. Ordains and installs Licentiate Siegfried Schmiechen.

f. Licenses Student Gordon Robinson and dismisses him to Milwaukee Classis.

g. Receives Student John Heinbuch from Northeast Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod, and licenses him.

2. Milwaukee Classis

a. Receives from Sheboygan Classis and ordains Licentiate Gordon Robinson.

b. Receives Rev. A. R. Achtemeier from Sheboygan Classis.

c. Receives Rev. L. A. Moser from Ursinus Classis.

3. Minnesota Classis

a. Receives Rev. Melvin C. Witmer from Iowa Classis, Mid-West Synod.

b. Received Rev. Walter Baumgartner from Milwaukee Classis.

c. Dismissed Licentiate Siegfried Schmiechen to Sheboygan Classis.

e. Licensed Student Willard Sherman.

4. Nebraska Classis

a. Received Rev. Harvey Burkett from Missouri-Kansas Classis, Mid-West Synod.

b. Receives Rev. H. K. Hartmann from Sheboygan Classis.
c. Drops the name of Rev. J. A. Hochstatter from the roll of Classis.

5. Ursinus Classis
   a. Dismissed Rev. L. A. Moser to Milwaukee Classis.
   b. Received Rev. John Schlamp from West Canada Classis.
   c. Received Rev. Peter Schild from South Dakota Classis.
6. South Dakota Classis
   a. Dismissed Rev. P. Schild to Ursinus Classis.
7. West Canada Classis
   a. Received and dismissed Rev. I. Neumann to Missouri District.
   b. Dismissed Rev. John Schlamp to Ursinus Classis.
8. Eureka Classis
   a. Dismissed Candidate for the ministry Frederick Drucker to the Colorado District.

**VI. Time and Place of Meeting of Classes and Names of Officers**

1. Sheboygan Classis
   Time: To be designated by the Executive Committee.
   Place: To be designated by the Executive Committee.
   President: Rev. John Scheib, 218 Sixth St., Kaukauna, Wis.
   Stated Clerk: Rev. Caleb Hauser, Campbellsport, Wis., R. 1.
   New Stated Clerk: O. A. Menke, R. 1, Plymouth, Wis.
   Treasurer: Rev. A. C. Plappert, Sheboygan, Wis., R. 1.
2. Milwaukee Classis
   Time: May 2, 1939, 8 P.M.
   Place: Campbellsport, Wis.
   President: Rev. C. Flueckinger, Belleville, Wis.
   Stated Clerk: Rev. R. P. Kuentzel, Reeseville, Wis.
   Treasurer: Mr. J. J. Figi, New Glarus, Wis.
3. Minnesota Classis
   Time: April 18, 1939, 8 P.M.
   Place: Rice Lake, Wis.
   President: Rev. Frank Stucki, Waukon, Iowa.
   Stated Clerk: Rev. E. H. Opperman, Norwood, Minn., R. 1.
   Treasurer: Rev. Calvin Grosshuesch, Klemme, Iowa.
4. Nebraska Classis
   Time: April 27, 1939, 7:30 P.M.
   Place: Harvard, Nebraska.
   President: Rev. Paul Traeger, Ph.D., Sutton, Nebr.
   Stated Clerk: Rev. C. W. Deglow, Columbus, Nebr.
   Treasurer: Rev. A. O. Engelmann, Humboldt, Nebr., R. 4.
5. Ursinus Classis
   Time: To be designated by Executive Committee.
   Place: To be designated by Executive Committee.
   President: Rev. John Seidler, Melbourne, Ia.
   Stated Clerk: Rev. A. C. Fischer, Wheatland, Ia.
   Treasurer: Mr. J. Matzinger, Huxley, Ia.

6. South Dakota Classis
   Time: May 2, 1939.
   Place: Alpena, South Dakota.
   President: Rev. U. Zogg, Scotland, So. Dakota.
   Stated Clerk: Rev. A. Kurtz, Marion, So. Dakota.
   Treasurer: Rev. A. Kurtz, Marion, So. Dakota.
7. Portland-Oregon Classis
   Time: February 21, 1939, 8 P.M.
   Place: Portland, Oregon (Third Evangelical and Ref'd Church).
   President: Rev. I. G. Nace, Tillamook, Ore.
   Stated Clerk: Rev. A. E. Wyss, 4833 No. E. Columbia Boulevard, Portland, Ore.
   Treasurer: Mr. E. Bauman, 5216 N. E. 60th Ave., Portland, Ore.
8. West Canada Classis
   Time: To be designated by the Executive Committee.
   Place: Grenfell, Sask., Canada.
   President: Rev. C. H. Reppert, Stony Plain, Alberta, Canada.
   Stated Clerk: Rev. John F. Krieger, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, Canada.
   Treasurer: Mr. Andrew Unterschuetz, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, Canada.
9. Eureka Classis
   Time: To be designated by the Executive Committee.
   Place: To be designated by the Executive Committee.
   President: Rev. W. J. Krieger, Eureka, So. Dakota.
   Stated Clerk: Rev. W. Grossman, Hosmer, So. Dakota.
   Treasurer: Rev.E. Kaempchen, Fullerton, No. Dakota.
10. California Classis
    Time: February 28, 1939, 8 P.M.
    Place: Los Angeles, Cal., (First Ref. Church).
    President: Rev. Edward F. Evemeyer, D.D., 332 W. 37th St., Los Angeles, Cal.
    Stated Clerk: Rev. A. Birk, 232 S. Pleasant Ave., Lodi, Cal.
    Treasurer: Mr. John Mettler, 704 W. Elm St., Lodi, Cal.

### VII. Church Union and Constitution

1. Sheboygan Classis
   a. Prefers to remain intact for the present to act on all matters of business.
2. Milwaukee Classis
   a. Recommends that church union be postponed.
3. Minnesota Classis.
   a. Adopted the new constitution.
4. Nebraska Classis.

a. Adopts the proposal of General Synod for new synods and requests General Synod "to establish a Synod in which our Classis shall be included; provided, however, that the legal existence of this Classis

shall continue until it shall have disposed, or divested itself of all property, rights and powers belonging to or vested in it."

5. Ursinus Classis

a. Refers matter of realignment to its own Executive Committee.

b. Makes vote of congregations (7 yea and 5 nay) the vote of Classis on the new constitution.

6. South Dakota Classis

a. Wishes to remain a Reformed Classis, and requests General Synod to establish a Dakota Classis to include Reformed congregations in North and South Dakota.

7. Portland-Oregon Classis

a. Adopted paragraph in "Statement to Classis pertaining to division of church into synods, with request that General Synod designate boundary between eastern and western Montana and Wyoming."

8. Eureka Classis

a. Since the merged Church has failed to take a decisive biblical stand in matters of doctrine, now therefore, we, the Eureka Classis, demand that the honorable General Synod reconsider the vote on union and constitution.

Furthermore, since the merged Church, not we, has seceded from its basic principles, we reserve the right to continue to function as heretofore, as the legally constituted Reformed Church in the United States. (Unanimously adopted.)

9. California Classis

a. Adopts the resolution on "Suggested Division of Synods" and sends immediate notice to Rev. Wm. E. Lampe, secretary of Committee on Constitution and Charter, and to Stated Clerk of General Synod.

## VIII. Miscellaneous

1. Sheboygan Classis

a. Merges First Reformed Church of Appleton with St. John's Evangelical Church of the same city.

b. Merges Reformed and Evangelical congregations at Colby, Wis.

c. Seeks to establish a colony of homes for retired ministers.

d. Appoints special committee to investigate matters in First Reformed Church of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Holds special meeting of Classis on July 19, 1938, at Kiel, Wisconsin, to hear report of Committee. Adopts the report, dissolves pastoral relation between Rev. E. Buehrer and First Reformed Church of Green Bay and appoints a committee to prosecute Rev. E. Buehrer for insubordination. Convenes in special session at Kiel, Wisconsin, to hear charges of prosecuting committee, which it sustained, whereupon it suspends Rev. E. Buehrer as minister of the Gospel of the Evangelical and Reformed Church until he shall present trustworthy evidence of repentance and reformation to said Classis or its succeeding judicatory.

2. Milwaukee Classis

a. Sends two delegates to Wisconsin Council of Churches.

b. Decides to comply with request of the Executive Committee of General Synod to list together in the statistical tables congregations belonging to the same charge.

3. Nebraska Classis

a. Permits Presbyterian minister to serve St. John's Church, Humboldt, Nebr., under which arrangement contact with Classis seems to be increasingly diminishing. Also that Loveland, Col., is being served by a supply pastor and prospects are very discouraging.

b. Receives Hope Congregation, Sutton, Neb., into the bounds of Classis.

4. Ursinus Classis

a. Is in the process of uniting an Evangelical and Reformed Church at Ledyard, Iowa.

5. California Classis

a. Is considering necessary steps for the founding of a Ministers' Home in Southern California.

b. Merges Trinity Reformed Church, Hollywood, and Hollywood Evangelical Church under the name "Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, Hollywood, California" and receives the new church into the membership of Classis.

Signed by:
R. RETTIG
R. HUENEMANN

Action of Synod:

I. a. This item was stricken from the minutes, since the Stated Clerk was authorized to make the necessary correction.

b, 2 a, b, 3 a, 4 a, b, 5 a, 6 a, 7 a, b, 8, 9 adopted.

II. 1, a. Adopted and the attention of Sheboygan Classis is called to the fact that this is not a diploma but a certificate.

2 a, 3 a, 5. Statistics shall be printed as before in the back part of the minutes.

b. We inform Milwaukee Classis that we do not find it feasible to comply with their wish.

4 a, 7 a, b, c, 8. Notice taken.

6 a. Attended to through the report of the Special Committee.

III. 1 and 2, referred to the Judicial Committee.

IV. Notice was taken of every item individually.

V. Every item was adopted.

VI. Item was read and adopted as a whole.

VII. Every item was adopted.

VIII. d was referred to the Judicial Committee; of all the other items notice was taken.

Then the report was adopted as a whole.

## 5. On Overtures

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Overtures received the following items:

1. Complaint from a group of members of Ursinus Classis against Ursinus Classis in regard to the vote on constitution and on the proposed realignment of Synods.

2. Resolution adopted by the Eureka Classis at special session, Aug. 16, 1938, whereby they serve notice on Synod that they reserve the right to continue as a legally constituted Reformed Church in the United States and to all its properties, holdings and rights.

3. a. An Appeal to the Synod of the Northwest by Rev. E. Buehrer relative to decisions of Sheboygan Classis in regard to dissolution of his pastoral relationship with the Reformed Church in Green Bay, Wis., and preferred charges of Insubordination and call for a trial at the special meeting of Classis, passed at its special session, held at Kiel, Wis., July 19, 1938.

b. Abstracts of minutes of Sheboygan Classis concerning the Appeal of Rev. E. Buehrer against the decisions of Classis.

c. Appeal to Synod of the Northwest by Rev. E. Buehrer through his counsels appealing all the decisions of Sheboygan Classis rendered during the trial of Rev. E. Buehrer at its special session, held at Kiel, Wis., Aug. 23, 1938.

d. A notice of the appointment of attorneys for Sheboygan Classis in the appeal case of Rev. E. Buehrer and his counsels to the Synod of the Northwest.

4. A Booklet on "America's Share in Japan's War Guilt" (aim is to stop economic aid to Japan), and the suggestions what organizations and individuals can do.

5. Synod's attention is called to an oversight and error of Sheboygan Classis in connection with the examination and licensure of Gordon Robinson and acknowledgment of error and apology of Classis.

6. A Report from Rev. John Bodenman in regard to the Reformed Church in the Ukraine.

7. A Report from the Harbor Missionary Dr. Paul Land.

8. A request for a clear and definite explanation of Art. 31 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church and the Board of Home Missions' right to discriminate against certain Home Missionaries by withholding financial support.

9. The report of the Committee of Five of the Conference on Christian Education.

10. A communication from the General Council of General Synod in regard to the division of the Church into Synods.

11. The report of the Elder Conference.

12. A petition of a group of men of the Synod relative to publishing of the "Messenger" by the Central Publishing House at Cleveland, Ohio.

Your Committee:

WM. OELRICH
ARMIN H. TENDICK
JOHN L. ACCOLA

Action of Synod:
Item 1 and 3 were referred to the Judicial Committee.
Item 2. Referred to Special Committee I.

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE I**

(The following report was adopted as a whole.)

To the Hon. Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee respectfully reports that item 2 of the Committee on Overtures was referred to it, this item being a copy of an action of the Eureka Classis of the Reformed Church in the United States taken at a special session of that Classis held on August 16, 1938.

Your Committee has carefully studied this document and finds it is in substance a notification to the Synod of the Northwest and to the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, that the Eureka Classis claims, that all properties, holdings, and rights of the Reformed Church in the U. S. are legally vested in the Eureka Classis, and that the Eureka Classis will, if necessary lay claim to such.

This action of the Eureka Classis of the Reformed Church in the U. S., as presented in this notification, is based upon three distinct assertions listed in the preamble of this document; however, the Eureka Classis brings no evidence whatever in substantiation of these statements and claims.

Your Committee recommends the following actions for adoption:

1. The Synod of the Northwest, replying to this overture of the Eureka Classis of the Reformed Church in the U. S. informs the Eureka Classis, that the Eureka Classis has grievously erred in the action taken at its special session of August 16, 1938, at Eureka, South Dakota, inasmuch as no organic member of the Reformed Church in the U. S., or of any of its judicatories, may usurp the rights, privileges and functions of a body of which it is only one of the many organic members, and that therefore this action is censurable, out of order, and hence null and void.

2. In view of the fact that this overture of the Eureka Classis of the Reformed Church in the U. S. is also directed to the Evangelical and Reformed Church, be it further resolved that the Synod of the Northwest refers this overture of the Eureka Classis, together with this action of the Synod of the Northwest, to the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. KRAMPE
JOHN MOHR
HENRY NEUHAUS

Item 4 was referred to Special Committee II.

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE II

The following report was adopted as a whole.

To the Rev. Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: To your Committee was referred a pamphlet issued by the American Committee for Non-Participation in Japanese Aggression. This Committee's communication calls attention, not merely to the undeclared war which Japan is waging in China at the present time, but likewise to the fact that the United States is materially aiding Japan in its wanton destruction of human life and property, by selling to Japan supplies such as copper, iron, zinc, machinery, and engines and the like.

We are not in a position to judge to what extent American supplies are being employed by Japan in the present conflict; it is common knowledge, however, that an enormous conflict is now in progress in the Orient.

In view of this fact we present the following resolution for adoption by Synod:

We recommend that the congregations of the Synod of the Northwest be urged to set aside a day of penitence and prayer.

a. For the purpose of facing the grave problems of war and peace and social evils confronting the Church, our own country and the world at large, so as to arrive at some personal convictions concerning these various problems, not the least of which is the aggressive invasion of China by the military force of Japan.

b. On the basis of the Word of God to gain perspective and to find the direction the Church should take in the facing of these gross evils.

c. To determine the course of action which congregations and individual members of the congregations should take toward a possible solution of these perplexing problems.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee
PAUL GROSSHUESCH
A. R. ACHTEMEIER
HENRY BARZ

Item 5. Resolved: Synod takes notice of this overture and authorizes the Stated Clerk to make the necessary corrections concerning the licensure of Student Robinson.

Item 6. Report was read and adopted. Synod thanks Rev. J. Bodenman for his endeavors and urges him to continue his work.

(The report is given in the German portion of the minutes.)

Item 7 was read and referred to the Committee on Missions and Finances.

(The report of the Harbor Missionary is printed in German part of the minutes.)

Item 8. Referred to Special Committee III.

The Committee reported in due time and Synod adopted the following substitute:

"Synod does not answer any hypothetical questions."

Item 9. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Item 10. Referred to Special Committee IV.

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE IV**

The following report was adopted as a whole:

To the Hon. Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: A communication from the Rev. William Lampe, Ph.D., LL.D., Executive Secretary of General Council of the General Synod, was referred to your Committee, and the Committee desires to call the attention of the Synod of the Northwest to two paragraphs in the communication:

1. "Your Synod is especially interested in the matter of Statistics. The Executive Committee had recommended to General Synod that no statistics be printed this year. The General Synod, however, reversed this and ordered the printing of a column similar to that of last year. Whether or not this will be adequate for the purpose of your Synod, or whether you will wish to add certain sheets, as your Synod voted and actually did last year, I do not know. I am simply giving you this information.

2. Some of your folks may be inquiring regarding the new Synods. Fifty-one of the Classes, that is everyone of the R Group except five in the Synod of the Northwest, voted to request the General Synod to constitute them part of the New Synods. The General Synod authorized the organization of all thirty-four synods, but six of them must await the action of these five Classes and of two (2) E Districts. The Hungarian Synods, too, must await the action of certain congregations. I enclose a copy of the division into Synods taken from the forthcoming minutes of the General Synod. The three Synods which await the action of the five Classes of the Northwest are the North-Wisconsin, South-Wisconsin and Dakota Synods. The last named was established on the basis of the request of the South Dakota Classis."

In view of the fact that Dr. Lampe mentions in conclusion that no action of the Synod of the Northwest is necessary nor has it any jurisdiction in this matter, your committee recommends that Synod take notice of this information.

Respectfully,

E. C. JABERG
H. R. BURKETT
HENRY SCHEMPP

Item 11. Referred to the Committee on Stewardship.

Item 12. The petition was adopted and shall be forwarded to the General Council.

Then the report was adopted as a whole.

### 6. Institutions of Learning

The following report was adopted as a whole:

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest, Alleman, Iowa.

DEAR BRETHREN: The following items were referred to your committee: The report on the Mission House in the Blue Book, and the address of Dr. Paul Grosshuesch.

We rejoice in these reports which show a living and a wide awake Mission House. We assure the president, and the teachers, and all who have an immediate part in the institution's welfare, that we both appreciate their work and promise our continued co-operation.

We are pleased to note that the first "Convocation" was successful, and that the enrollment is higher than last year, and that the educational standards have received such high commendation.

We recommend:

1. That we commend our Mission House to the guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ, that she may continue to be a blessing to people in the Master's kingdom.

2. That we urge our ministers to recommend the Mission House to prospsective students in their congregations.

3. That we all seriously try to raise the allotted apportionment of $1.00 per member in our congregations for the support of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

Your committee,

JOHN SCHEIB
FRANK F. STUCKI
JOHN DICK

### 7 and 8. Missions and Church Erection Fund

The following report was adopted as a whole after item by item was considered.

To Item B. 2 the following resolution was adopted: The Stated Clerk is instructed to make use of the church papers in calling the attention of the Church members to the fact that the Indian Mission is celebrating its 60th anniversary.

(Translation)

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: The following items were referred to your Committee:

1. Annual report of the Department of the Northwest of Home Missions, in the Blue Book, page 13.

2. The annual report of the Home Mission Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, Blue Book page 27.

3. The annual report of the Board of Foreign Missions, Blue Book page 30.

4. Content of addresses of Dr. C. Horning and Rev. A. Geo. Schmid.

5. Report of Harbor Mission.

6. Address of Rev. J. Bodenman.

Your Committee begs leave to make the following recommendations:

**A. Home Missions**

1. We request all Classes to instruct their classical treasurers for Missions and Benevolences to send the contributions which formerly were sent to the treasurer of the Department of the Northwest from now on directly to the treasurer of the Board of Home Missions in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Contributions for Church Erection Fund and Indian Mission shall be forwarded as in former years to the treasurer of the Department of the Northwest.

2. We recommend to put forth every effort to pay the apportionment in full, in order that all former campaigns, and so on, for paying the debts of the Home Mission Board may become unnecessary in the future.

3. That congregations, which so far have not introduced the apportionment system nor the weekly contributions, make a special effort in the Easter season and at Mission Festivals to raise an amount equal to that of the apportionment.

4. The Church Erection Fund of the Department of the Northwest shall be remembered with a gift of 10 cents per member at Pentecost.

Church organizations and members shall be urged to originate $500 Memorial Funds.

5. We rejoice in the fact that a considerable amount was paid through the 20,000 Club. We renew our heartiest endorsement of this plan. Congregations which so far have done nothing in this matter shall be urged to contribute at least something for this purpose.

**B. Indian Mission**

1. We recognize with joy and gratitude the faithful work done in the Indian Mission and express our appreciation of the devoted service of the Superintendent, Rev. Ben. Stucki, and his helpers. We recommend that this work be remembered in our prayers and receive our most liberal support.

We recognize with great appreciation the praiseworthy support of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.

2. Our Indian Mission celebrates this year its 60th anniversary. Let us join in celebrating in our Synod, in our Classes, and in our congregations. The Lord be greatly praised for this blessed work. Let us praise and glorify His name.

**C. Harbor Mission**

We rejoice that this Mission could be of great service in the past year and we recommend this work for further support to our congregations.

**D. Foreign Missions**

1. We rejoice before the Lord with the Board that they can look back upon an activity of 100 years. We are thankful to God for this great blessing and grace which He has bestowed upon us in the the past.

2. We pay tribute to our missionaries for their sacrificing and un-

selfish service, especially when in the past year many a life was endangered, and we assure them that the church at home is standing behind them with their sympathy and support.

3. We urge our congregations to do their utmost in paying the apportionment in full for Foreign Missions, that the missionaries may not be burdened with financial difficulties especially in this time of trial caused by the terrible war conditions between Japan and China.

4. We mourn the death of Mr. Frederick B. Nicodemus, teacher for many years in North Japan College and of Mrs. Mary Ault Hoy, widow of the late Missionary Dr. Wm. Hoy. We are grateful to the Lord for the devoted services of these faithful co-workers, who have finished their work and were permitted to enter into the reward of the Lord.

5. The more serious the times, so the more earnest shall be the prayers. Therefore we assent most heartily to "The Call of Prayer." "Brethren, pray for us!" Let us all carry out this petition of our missionaries most heartily.

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee
OTTO A. MENKE
WM. BOLLMANN

## 9. Christian Education

(Translation)

The report was considered item by item and adopted as a whole as follows:

To the Hon. Synod of the Northwest.

The following items were referred to your Committee:

1. The two reports on Christian Education in the Blue Book.
2. Address of Rev. R. Rettig on Christian Education.
3. Remarks of Dr. E. G. Krampe on Christian Education.
4. Items 11 and 12 from the Special Committee VI for 1938, page 37, in synodical minutes of 1937.
5. Result of the conference on Christian Education, handed in by the Committee of Five. This committee handed in the following report (See in the German part of the minutes for this report in English).

Christian Education must be of the greatest importance in our present time which is so uncertain in spiritual things and lacking in faith. A great distress in the spiritual realm is growing more and more. Those, who look about for leadership and counsel, should they not look to the Church and Christian Education to which they desire to direct their young and old members? It can not be denied, that our Synod is not conscious of the seriousness of the conditions. The Synod also knows that little remedies can no longer help. There are at present certain methodical means and psychological sciences which can not be overlooked. New methods should not be despised, but used carefully.

Above all we should keep in mind, that the two old and dependable means of education: the preaching of the Word of God and religious instruction, should be used with the greatest diligence and the most earnest conscientiousness. The Divine Revelation, the great deeds of God for the salvation of a sinful world, must be the Alpha and Omega of the Christian preaching and of all educational endeavor. Our whole, and ofttimes new, thinking should always be tested anew on the sobriety and biblical truthfulness of the theology of the Heidelberg Catechism, unsurpassed up to the present time. Then we shall always be conscious, that in the work of Christian education also it does not depend "upon him that willeth, nor upon him that runneth, but upon God, that sheweth mercy." We shall always lose this life-creating grace of God, when we think that we can get along without God but with our poor human skill.

We wish to make the following recommendations:

1. In view of many and ever increasing hindrances against the work of Christian education, which result from the tempo of modern life and from the return into all kinds of new paganism, and in view of the increasing indifference and even animosity toward all spiritual thinking and life, more conscientiousness and vigor must be used in preaching, education, and precept, to ground our young and old church members, and whoever can be reached, in the eternal truth of the Word of God.

We urge therefore upon the Classes and through them upon the pastors, congregations, consistories, Sunday-school teachers, and parents to shun, in Christian education, no endeavor in prayer and work, that with the grace of God the seed of the gospel may sprout from the well-prepared soil and bear fruit.

2. Classes and congregations shall direct their attention to that one goal, that the Christian family life shall be built up again, where the children obey the parents and not the parents the children. Upon the fear of God and the church loyalty on the part of the parents a foundation shall be laid, that children be educated in the fear and admonition of the Lord. The seeking after the Kingdom of God and His righteousness shall be placed ahead of mere worldly success and gain.

3. The Boards, who are appointed for that purpose, to promote the work of Christian education, urge most earnestly, through our Classes, our church members to strengthen their hands with prayer and financial support.

4. We express our appreciation to the Director of Christian Education for his faithful work.

5. We urge such Classes that have not done so, to appoint a classical Board on Christian Education, who shall further the work of Christian education in their territory throughout the year and consider it their duty to gather common knowledge and experiences from the members of the Classis.

6. The Editors of the "Workbook to the Heidelberg Catechism" are always grateful for constructive criticism and advice on their work, especially in view of a new edition of the Book.

7. We request the Reverend General Synod that in the Sunday-school literature and in the "Messenger," the Sunday-school lessons be explained by such Theologians who still adhere to the confession of our Church.

8. We demand a book review of new books appearing on the book market which does not strike our Confession in the face. We also demand of our only English Church Paper for the whole Church a positive stand conforming with our Confession. If our wishes are not complied with, we can not work for the distribution of this paper and will be forced to look elsewhere for our needs.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BODENMAN
ALVIN ENGELMANN
H. C. SETTLAGE
OTTO HOFFNER
ARMIN H. TENDICK

## 10. Ministerial Relief

The following report was adopted by Synod:

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN: The following items were referred to your Committee on Ministerial Relief:

1. Exhibit VII, Blue Book, pages 54-58, the Annual Statement of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

2. The subject matter of the address on Ministerial Relief by Rev. H. C. Nott, D.D., a member of the Board of Ministerial Relief, and the remarks made by the various brethren.

From the annual statement we learn that 1937 was a good year for the Board of Ministerial Relief. The friends of the Board have increased. Confidence in the Board and its work advanced perceptibly.

Your Committee recommends the following resolutions for adoption:

1. That we as a Synod of the Northwest express our appreciation of the careful supervision and activities of the Board of Ministerial Relief, as well as our continued confidence in the management of the Board and our gratitude for the financial aid given to the aged and disabled ministers, widows, and orphans of ministers within the bounds of our Synod.

2. We urge our pastors to give due consideration and attention to the annual statement of the Board (see Blue Book) and to take such steps as they deem necessary to bring needed information on the matter to the officers and members of the individual congregations.

3. That we recommend the hearty support of all our congregations in seeking to raise the full apportionment in our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. SCHMID
J. HOFFMAN
GEO. PAULEY

## 11. Benevolent Institutions

The following report was adopted:

(Translation)

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN: The following items were referred to your Committee:

1 a. Report, in the Blue Book, of the Home for the Aged.
 b. Content of address of Rev. H. G. Schmid.

2. a. Report, in the Blue Book, of the Orphans' Home in Fort Wayne.
 b. Content of address of Housefather A. Stienecker.

We recommend:

1. HOME FOR THE AGED

We rejoice in the fact that the financial difficulties of the Home for the Aged were solved by the Board and urge our congregations to support this institution most liberally with prayer and gifts.

2. ORPHANS' HOME

a. We call attention to the fact that the Orphans' Home received only one-half of the apportionment and urge our congregations to pay the full amount of the apportionment if at all possible.

b. Further the attention is called to the congregations to support the Orphans' Home wherever possible with special gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HUENEMANN
R. KLAUDT
W. SCHOCKER

## 12. On Stewardship (Kingdom Service)

The following report was considered item by item and then adopted as a whole in the following form:

Synod of the Northwest 1938.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Kingdom Service Committee begs your earnest and prayerful consideration of its vital duties. We beg to refrain from personal attitudes, and rather consider the greatness of our responsibilities.

The items referred to your Committee were received as follows:

1. Report in the Blue Book.
2. Report from the Stewardship Conference of the Elders.
3. Item from the report of Institutions of Learning.

Your chairman forwarded two letters to the synodical committee, each member being the classical chairman of his respective Classis. The first letter was a summing up of the approaches of the meeting of the United Stewardship Council; the second, shortly before the annual meeting of Classes—calling to mind the synodical report of last year.

Last year Synod delegated the chairman of its Kingdom Service Committee to the meeting of the United Stewardship Council, where

the representatives of the different denominations pooled their findings and reactions, and were led in addresses and discussions by outstanding and serious-minded church- and laymen. From such meetings Synod and Classes should in time reap great benefits, if such will be availed of.

The general finding in the meeting of this council was, that our stewardship is based on the genuine Christian faith. Not on doctrine as good theories only, nor on works whereby we might gain favor, but on an unadulterated personal love toward the Father and His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, who loved us first.

The Church is "in an awful fix" these days, humanly speaking, but humanly so manoeuvered. Generally considered she is hardly worthy or capable of promoting herself. And therefore your committee is thoroughly convinced that stewardship should be carried out as the first requisite in our Christian faith; a personal loving and belonging to the Lord, "whose we are and whom we serve."

Stewardship is not evangelism, but is basic for it. There can hardly be successful evangelism, the promoting and the bringing of the gospel to others, without first being true stewards of the gospel. Stewardship is based upon self-examination, it is akin to genuine repentance.

Our church troubles are stewardship troubles. There is more amiss than one or the other single thing. The trouble is that the stewardship of self is woefully lacking. Adjust it, and the Lord can work wonders through us.

The several reports of our Classes speak more encouragingly than a year ago. Not only from the sense of having supported the larger work of the churches; for, the denominational work must be considered an important part of our local congregations, but, from the fact that stewardship background is finding its necessary place. The majority of these reports present not only the table of apportionment, but also a spiritual table showing fellowship with the Lord.

Permit your committee to recommend the following:

1. That Synod commends the chairmen of the Classical Committees for their keen interest and their special labors put forth for the cause of Kingdom Service.

2. Since there are so many items of importance in the several classical reports, Classes are to see to it, that duplicate copies be made and the same be forwarded to denominational headquarters.

3. That "Special Periods" instead of "Special Days" be arranged by General Synod for presentation of our benevolent causes.

4. That the following table of apportionment be presented to the various Classes for adoption:

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| Foreign Missions ...................... | $1.00 |
| Home Missions ........................ | 1.00 |
| Mission House ........................ | 1.00 |
| Church Erection Fund .................. | .10 |
| Student Aid ............................ | .15 |
| Ministerial Relief ...................... | .25 |

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| Orphans' Home ........................ | .25 |
| Christian Education .................... | .15 |
| Home for the Aged ...................... | .10 |
| Central Publishing House ............... | .05 |
| American Bible Society .................. | .01 |
| | $4.06 |

5. Since the General Council of General Synod has called a meeting of all the chairmen of the classical committees on Kingdom Service for Sept. 22-23 in Chicago, that we not only urge our synodical committees to attend, but also arrange for a meeting at this time for our synodical work.

6. Since General Synod considers the various Kingdom Service Committees the field representatives for the denominational program, we urge all pastors and elders and their respective congregations to cooperate with the Classical Committees.

7. That for more efficient support of our Kingdom Service Enterprises as enumerated in the apportionment table, we urge Classes to appeal to their respective congregations for the acceptance of the Roll Call, the duplex envelopes, co-operate in workers' conferences, and use all of the other means for educational purposes, Essay and Poster contest, etc.

8. That if again feasible, Synod delegate its Kingdom service chairman to the United Stewardship Council.

9. That we expect only the proper application of stewardship in raising of our church funds, to avoid all questionable means and methods.

10. That the officers of Synod make provision on the program for Stewardship Conference at its regular meeting for pastors and elders.

A. C. Fischer, Chairman

## 13. Evangelism

The following report was adopted; with the remark that the Executive Board may see to it that in an evening service this matter may be considered.

To the Rev. Synod of the Northwest.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: No material was referred to your committee by the Rev. Synod of the Northwest, but your committee feels that Evangelism is such an essential phase of an ordained minister's work that something very definite and concrete be presented to the Classes and congregations. We therefore recommend:

A. That congregations be urged to restudy the concept of Evangelism as presented in the Scriptures, so that the proper course may be determined for each congregation.

B. That Synod appoint a qualified person to present a paper on the subject of Evangelism at the next session of Synod as a guide and a

stimulus to further study and to the formulation of an appropriate program of action for Synod and Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee
A. R. ACHTEMEIER
E. L. WORTHMAN
HENRY BARZ

## 14. Men's League

The following report was adopted as a whole.

To the Rev. Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Churchmen's Brotherhoods begs leave to report that the statement of the Churchmen's Brotherhood, as found in the Blue Book, was referred to it and on the basis of that report presents the following recommendations for adoption:

a. That the Reverend Synod rejoices in the rapid progress of this phase of its work, commends the tireless activity of its promoting officers and heartily encourages the founding of a Brotherhood in every congregation of the Synod.

b. That all existing Brotherhoods in our Synod merge with the Churchmen's Brotherhood sponsored by the Reverend General Synod in order that a unified program may be followed for the stimulation of men in spiritual development and their enlistment in more active work.

c. That all churches be encouraged to support the work of the Brotherhood by financial contribution. The minimum amount requested is the modest sum of ⅞ cents per member.

d. That the second Sunday in October be designated as Brotherhood Sunday when the work and leadership of laymen shall be emphasized and the work of the Brotherhood receive special consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

H. G. SETTLAGE
E. C. JABERG
JOHN FLORIN

## 15. Woman's Missionary Society

The following report was adopted as a whole:

To the Reverend Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: The following items were referred to your committee pertaining to the work of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod:

A. The report of the President of the Woman's Missionary Society of our Synod, Mrs. A. R. Achtemeier, in our Blue Book on page 29.

B. The contents of the address of Miss Helen M. Nott, Secretary of the Central West, and a member of the Merger Commission of the W.M.S.G.S. and the Ev. Women's Union.

Your Committee hereby submits the following recommendations for your careful and prayerful consideration:

1. Synod expresses its deep appreciation to the Marys and the Marthas, the Tryphenas and the Thryphosas, the Lydias and the Dorcases, the Phoebes and Priscillas, the Eunices and the Loises in our Synod who are breaking their alabaster boxes on the living body of our Lord Jesus Christ, namely the Christian Church.

2. We suggest to the women in those congregations within our bounds who as yet have no local Woman's Missionary Society, Girls' Guild or Mission Band, to accept the cordial invitation contained in item 5 of Mrs. Achtemeier's report, to organize such or at least to send for program packets and use them in their local societies and homes.

3. That pastors acquaint themselves more thoroughly with the educational programs of the Woman's Missionary Society and adapt them, if necessary, for their local conditions.

4. We advise all pastors to welcome representatives of the W. M. S. into their congregations to inform them about the blessed work this Woman's Organization has done during the half century of their existence.

5. The presidents of our Classes are urged to respond to the request of the Merger Commission of the W.M.S.G.S. and the Ev. Women's Union to appoint two women as delegates to the convention of our women which is to be held not later than November, 1939, and send their names and addresses to Miss Carrie M. Kerschner, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. NOTT
GEORGE GRETHER
J. H. FREITAG

## 16. Beneficiary Aid for Students

The report was adopted as follows:

To the Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board on Student Aid presents the following report:

1. During the past school year your board performed its work in accord with the rules and regulations of Synod relative to student aid and gave financial assistance to the following:

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|---|---|
| Walter Odenbach | $107.50 |
| Carl Ringer | 107.50 |
| Gordon Robinson | 107.50 |
| Fredrick Drucker | 100.00 |
| Harvey Noremberg | 100.00 |
| Willard Sherman | 107.50 |
| Orville Schroer | 150.00 |
| Dilman Rodel | 150.00 |
| Henry Roemer | 150.00 |
| Clarence Koehler | 107.50 |

2. Applications for further aid have been presented to your Board calling for the amount of $1,137.50. Futhermore two verbal requests have been made and if they be sanctioned by the respective Classis when

presented in due form, the amount needed to cover applications for the next school year will be $1,387.50. We recommend that our congregations be requested through the Classes to contribute 15¢ per confirmed member.

3. Your board was advised to revise the form of agreement between the synod and students, making the financial aid a loan and not an outright gift. We recommend that this matter be deferred until the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church has been fully formed.

4. We call attention of the secretaries of the various classes to secure the application blanks for their respective students. These blanks may be secured from the Board of Education of General Synod, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. WORTHMAN
C. WECKMUELLER

## 17. Publication

See Report of Special Committee VIII.
The standing committee reported as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Northwest:

To your Committee were referred the following items:

1. A letter dated June 10, 1937, from the Publishing House Board replying to an overture from Synod in 1936.

2. A letter dated Sept. 7, 1938, from the Publishing House Board replying to a request made by Synod in 1937.

3. An overture from the Publishing House Board requesting Synod to assume an obligation of 3 cents per member for the coming fiscal year to assist Central Publishing House to pay its annuity bonds interest.

4. The financial statement of Central Publishing House as printed in the 1938 Blue Book.

5. The report of the certified public accountant, printed in the 1938 Blue Book.

6. The address of Dr. Carl F. Heyl to the Synod on September 7.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That Synod takes note of the reply of the Central Publishing House Board to its 1936 overture, and declares the matter attended to.

2. That Synod hear the reply of Central Publishing House Board to its request for information in 1937, and then declare the matter satisfactorily attended to.

3. That Synod refer the matter of 3 cents per member levy to its financial committee, with instructions to include this item in the current budget.

4. That Synod express its appreciation to the Central Publishing House Board for the splendid financial showing made in 1937, and urge

all pastors and elders to acquaint themselves with this report, so that impartial judgment may be rendered.

5. That Synod express its satisfaction over the statement of the Certified Public Accountant printed in the Blue Book.

6. That (a) Synod thank Dr. Heyl for his fine presentation of the past, present, and future of Central Publishing House.

(b) Synod reaffirm its confidence in Dr. Heyl and Mr. Peter Wetzel, as editor and business manager of Central Publishing House.

(c) Synod urge pastors and members to support Central Publishing House with prayer and gifts.

(d) Congregations are urged to patronize Central Publishing House when purchasing supplies for Church schools, or other printing needs.

Respectfully submitted,

ESRA R. VORNHOLT
JOHN MOHR
WM. BURRICHTER

N. B. The Rev. H. C. Nott, D.D., was re-elected to represent the Synod of the Northwest in the Board of the Central Publishing House.

The report was adopted as a whole.

### 18 and 19. Nomination and Elections

The Committee on Nominations reported at the proper time. The report was adopted and the Committee was instructed to prepare the ballots. The election was held at the time set by Synod and the members of the Committee served as tellers. A second ballot had to be taken in a few cases.

The result of the election was later reported by the Committee. See the German portion of the Minutes under VIII. 18 and 19.

### 20. Finance

The report was adopted as a whole, also the report of the Treasurer.

DEAR BRETHREN: The following items were referred to your Committee:

A. Report of the Treasurer of the Synod.

B. Account books, receipts and deposit books of the Treasurer.

C. Apportionment of three (3) cents per member for the payment of the interest on annuity bonds of the Central Publishing House.

D. Contents of remarks by Dr. E. G. Krampe in reference to the Reserve Fund.

E. Concerning an apportionment of one-half cent per member for Harbor Missions.

F. Traveling expenses of Synodical delegates.
(Report of the Committee on Mileage.)

1. Your Committee examined the Treasurer's Report and books and found them correct. The following assets are on hand:

| | |
|---|---|
| General Checking Account | $3,107.44 |
| Reserve Fund (cash) | 1,330.03 |
| Notes of Harvard Congregation | 350.00 |
| Beneficiary Education Fund | 1,401.02 |

2. The budget necessary for 1938-1939 should include the following items:

| | |
|---|---|
| Traveling Expenses for Synodical Delegates | $1,650.00 |
| Salary of Stated Clerk | 200.00 |
| Janitor Service | 10.00 |
| Printing and Postage | 800.00 |
| Traveling Expenses for Mission House Members | 100.00 |
| Harbor Mission | 138.06 |
| Interest on Annuity Bonds, Central Publishing House | 828.36 |
| Reserve Fund | 69.16 |
| Miscellaneous | 200.00 |
| (Summary of the Committee) | $3,313.44 |
| Correct addition | 3,995.58 |

To cover this budget Synod should levy a contingent of twelve (12) cents per member, which shall be apportioned to the Classes as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sheboygan Classis | 8,370 members | $1,004.40 |
| Milwaukee Classis | 6,135 | 736.20 |
| Minnesota Classis | 3,399 | 507.88 |
| Nebraska Classis | 951 | 114.12 |
| Ursinus Classis | 2,095 | 251.40 |
| South Dakota Classis | 1,008 | 239.76 |
| Portland-Oregon Classis | 973 | 116.76 |
| West Canada Classis | 1,077 | 129.24 |
| Eureka Classis | 1,918 | 230.16 |
| California Classis | 696 | 83.52 |
| | | $3,313.44 |

3. Concerning Synod's custom of appropriating money for the Reserve Fund for various causes, we recommend that Synod leave this Fund intact and use it only for the intended purpose, namely to tide over the Treasurer when sufficient funds are not in the general treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Stuckey
C. Grosshuesch
Herman Paschen

**B. Report on Mileage**

See in the German portion.

**C. Election of Treasurer**

The election of the Treasurer was the order of the day immediately after the adoption of the report of the Committee on Finances. It was moved that the Stated Clerk cast the vote of the Synod for Elder Wm. Streblow as Treasurer of the Synod of the Northwest. In the presence of Mr. Wm. Streb-

low Synod by a rising vote expressed its thanks to him for his long and faithful services. Mr. Streblow responded with a few appropriate words.

### 21. Publicity

The following report was adopted as a whole:

Your Publicity Committee, as appointed, will report to the Church papers and local publications concerning the sessions and proceedings of Synod of the Northwest in session at Alleman, Iowa.

C. H. RIEDESEL
WM. REINEKING

### 22. Leave of Absence

See Article II in the German portion of the Minutes.

### 23. Resolutions

The following report was adopted as a whole:

DEAR BRETHREN: Through the grace of God and the hospitality of Salem's Congregation the Synod of the Northwest could hold its meetings this year in Alleman, Iowa.

With gratitude we recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

A. We express our thanks to all those who served in the morning devotions and evening services, also to Rev. H. T. Vriesen for his lecture.

B. We express our thanks to the Pastor loci, the Consistory, and the choir.

C. We express our heartiest thanks to the members of Salem's Congregation, especially the ladies, for the splendid hospitality which they extended in their homes and through the meals they served the delegates of Synod. In no other way could they have given better proof of their friendliness and hospitality.

The President of Synod should see to it that these resolutions be read before the congregation at both services on Sunday.

Respectfully,

V. D. WEIDLER
A. A. GRAAF
FRED SELBERG

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## ARTICLE IX

### Miscellaneous

#### 1. REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

The Judicial Committee gave a preliminary report that Cases A and B were ready for hearing before Synod. Synod resolved that the Committee should be authorized to hear the two complaints and report back to Synod according to the pro-

vision of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The Rev. E. L. Worthman was excused from serving on the Committee. The Rev. H. C. Nott was appointed in his place, also Rev. J. Seidler was excused and Rev. W. Stuckey was appointed in his place. For Case B, Rev. L. A. Moser was appointed in the place of Rev. H. C. Nott.

The Committee was excused from sessions of Synod to do its work. The proceedings of Ursinus Classis and the proceedings of the Special Session of Sheboygan Classis were referred to the Judicial Committee for information.

Later the Judicial Committee appeared before Synod with a unanimous resolution. The Rev. E. H. Wessler appealed against that resolution before Synod. The roll call was demanded. The President F. W. Knatz ruled, that non liquet votes should be counted in this case as no. The result of the roll call was 26 No, 2 Non Liquet and 28 Yes.

The appeal was not sustained by Synod.

The roll call was as follows:

Pastors: Yes: H. Settlage, Grether, F. Settlage, Graf. Mohr, Lehman, Flueckinger, Knatz, C. Grosshuesch, Baumgartner, F. Stucki, A. Engelmann, Burkett, Deglow, Fischer, Schlamp, Tendick, O. Engelman, Fresenborg. =19.

Elders: Yes: J. Accola, Freitag, Barz, Thoni, Sanderman, Fuhrman, V. Accola, Burrichter, Schocker. =9.

Pastors: No: Moser, R. Hueneman, Depping, Hartmann, Seidler, Zogg, Kaempchen, Hoffner, Wittenberg. =9.

Elders: No: Ferleman, Trautman, Deppe, Selberg, L. Neuharth, Schempp, Kirschenman, Grosshuesch, Hauck, Opp, H. Neuharth, Ulmer, Job, Streyler, Boschee, Spanger, Weckmueller. =17.

Non Liquet: Pastor K. Krueger; Elder Roemich. =2.

On Saturday forenoon the Committee presented the following report:

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest.

Dear Brethren: To your committee were referred the following items:

1. Item 1 of the Committee on Overtures (Two complaints by several members of the Ursinus Classis vs. said Classis).
2. Item 3 of the Committee on Overtures (Appeals by the Rev. E. Buehrer vs. Sheboygan Classis).
3. Items III, Appeals and Complaints, parts 1, 2, VIII. 1d of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, dealing with 1 and 2 of this report.
4. All necessary papers concerning the above mentioned cases.

Your committee proceeded to solve its task according to the instructions received from your Honorable Body, and according to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the U. S., and we now beg leave to report the following:

CASE A. (Two appeals or complaints, as Synod decided, by the Rev. E. Buehrer against certain actions of Sheboygan Classis).

The papers were found regular and ready for hearing. Rev. D. E. Bosma and Rev. W. Huenemann appeared for the appellant and Rev. E. H. Wessler, D.D., and Rev. J. O. Rosenau for the Classis. A set time for both sides to present their arguments and for rebuttal was agreed upon. After hearing both sides your committee immediately proceeded to take the vote by ballot, the result of which is as follows:

Item 1 of first appeal or complaint, dealing with the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. E. Buehrer and the First Reformed Church of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

After the question was put your committee voted not to sustain the appellant, there being 3 ballots to sustain and 4 ballote not to sustain with one ballot non liquet.

Item II of first appeal or complaint, dealing with the right of Sheboygan Classis preferring charges of insubordination against the Rev. E. Buehrer.

Appellant was again heard through its counsel, Rev. D. E. Bosma and W. Huenemann; and the Classis was heard in reply by its counsel, Rev. E. H. Wessler, D.D., and J. C. Rosenau.

After the question was put, your committee proceeded to vote by ballot, the result of which was that the appeal was not upheld there being 4 yeas, and 4 nays.

SECOND APPEAL,
dealing with the trial of Rev. E. Buehrer by the Sheboygan Classis which led to his being suspended from the Christian ministry.

The papers were found in order as in the first appeal.

Counsel for the appellant, Rev. D. E. Bosma and Rev. W. Huenemann, as well as counsel for the Classis, Rev. E. H. Wessler, D.D., and Rev. Julius C. Rosenau, were heard in their proper order.

The vote was taken by ballot and the result was that the appeal was sustained, there being 6 yeas and 2 nays.

Signed K. J. STUEBBE
H. C. NOTT
WALTER J. STUCKEY
GEO. HERMAN
JOHN EGGER
W. J. KRIEGER
C. H. RIEDESEL

*Remark.*—Rev. R. Rettig had signed the report, but after the entire case had been closed he withdrew his name and served notice that he would hand in a minority report.

## MINORITY REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

To the Rev. Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: To your Committee were referred:

Item 3 of the Committee on Overtures,

Item III Appeals and Complaints, pts. 1 a and VIII. 1, d dealing with the complaint of the Rev. E. Buehrer.

Your Committee (minority) together with the majority finds that after a fair trial according to the constitution Items I and II of Complaint I of the Rev. E. Buehrer against Sheboygan Classis could not be upheld.

In regard to the appeal of the Rev. E. Buehrer against suspension by Sheboygan Classis your Committee asks for a new trial on this item for the following reasons:

1. The issue was confused. When the trial began, Attorney Wessler asked in effect: "Are we now to discuss whether Rev. E. Buehrer is guilty of insubordination?" He was definitely assured by the Chairman that we were to consider that charge. The vote of the Judicial Committee was, however, not on the question of guilt, namely insubordination, but to it was added the matter of sentence of suspension, which confused the issue. To make the vote clear to the Judicial Committee it was explained to us by the Chairman that if we vote "Yes," the Rev. E. Buehrer will not be suspended. The vote was clearly not on the question of guilt, namely insubordination, as first determined, but on the sentence of insubordination. The vote is therefore out of order.

2. The vote was not fair because in the opinion of the minority committee making this report, the matter of sentiment entered in unconsciously to influence the vote. It was the opinion of many, if not all the members on the Judicial Committee, that the sentence was too severe. Then therefore the vote was put to us: "If you vote 'Yes' you vote not to suspend Rev. Buehrer and if you vote 'No' you vote to suspend him." The members of the Judicial Committee in the confused issue, feeling the sentence too severe, had no other choice of saving the Rev. Buehrer from suspension than to vote as they did without realizing that the matter of sentence had not yet been argued.

We therefore renew our petition and ask for a new trial by the Judicial Committee in matter of suspension of the Rev. E. Buehrer by Sheboygan Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed R. RETTIG

*Action of Synod.*

The motion to put the Minority Report in place of the Majority report was rejected. Vote by roll call 28 yes, 29 no.

The roll call was as follows:

*Yes:*

Pastors: Moser, Grether, Knatz, C. Grosshuesch, Baumgartner, F. Stucki, A. Engelmann, Burkett, Kohler, Deglow, Kruetzman, Schlamp, Seidler, Tendick, O. Engelmann, Fischer =16.

Elders: J. Accola, Freitag, Ferleman, Thoni, Sanderman, Fuhrman, Kaul, Rupp, V. Accola, Wilsterman, Burrichter, Schocker =12.

*No:*

Pastors: Graf, Lehman, Traeger, Hartmann, Depping, Schild, Bodenman, Zogg, Hoffner, Wittenberg, Wolfe, Kaempchen =12.

Elders: Roemich, Trautman, Pauli, Selberg, L. Neuharth, Schempp, Kirschenman, Gramm, Grosshuesch, Hauck, Spanger, Boschee, H. Neuharth, Ullmer, Job, Streyler, Opp =17.

Rev. R. Rettig announced that he would reserve the right to appeal to General Synod.

Rev. E. H. Wessler announced that he reserved the right to appeal the whole case to the General Synod.

The motion to adopt the Majority Report was accepted by roll call 35 yes, 21 no.

The roll call was as follows:

*Yes:*

Pastors: Moser, Graf, Lehman, Traeger, Hartmann, Deglow, Depping, Schild, Bodenman, Zogg, Hoffner, Wittenberg, Wolfe, Kaempchen =14.

Elders: Freitag, Ferleman, Roemich, Trautman, Fuhrman, Rupp, Selberg, Schocker, L. Neuharth, Schempp, Kirschenman, Gramm, Grosshuesch, Hauck, Spanger, Boschee, Neuharth, Opp, Ulmer, Job, Streyler =21.

*No:*

Pastors: Grether, Knatz, Baumgartner, Stucki, A. Engelmann, Burkett, Kohler, Kruetzman, Schlamp, Seidler, Tendick, O. Engelmann, Fischer =13.

Elders: J. Accola, Thoni, Sanderman, Kaul, Pauli, V. Accola, Wilsterman, Burrichter =8.

Rev. E. H. Wessler, D.D., announced that he would now appeal to General Synod.

**Judicial Report**

CASE B.

Containing two complaints by several members of Ursinus Classis against certain actions of said Classis.

Counsel for the two complaints were Rev. D. E. Bosma and Rev. P.

Schild, and counsel for the Classis was Rev. A. C. Fischer. These were heard in both complaints in their proper order and time. Papers were found regular for hearing.

*I. Complaint*

Dealing with question of Classis declaring the votes of congregations on adoption of the new constitution as the vote of Classis.

Immediately after hearing counsel for both sides your committee proceeded to vote by ballot, the result of which was that the complaint was upheld, there being 6 votes to sustain and 2 votes not to sustain the complaint.

*II. Complaint*

Dealing with certain actions of said Classis in regard to realignment of classis into synods.

Immediately after hearing the case as presented by counsel on both sides, your committee proceeded to vote by ballot, the result of which was that the complaint was sustained, there being 5 votes to sustain and 3 votes not to sustain the complaint.

The Committee:
Signed K. J. STUEBBE
JOHN EGGER
WALTER J. STUCKEY
RICHARD RETTIG
C. H. RIEDESEL
L. A. MOSER
GEO. HERMAN
W. J. KRIEGER

*Action of Synod:*

Motion: To adopt the report. Vote by roll call: 45 yes, 8 no, 2 non liquet.

Motion was carried.

The roll call was as follows:

*Yes:*

Pastors: Klaudt, Nuss, H. Vriesen, Hamman, Oelrich, Pfeiffer, Krampe, Plappert, Grether, Graf, Knatz, W. Hueneman, Hartmann, Kohler, Deglow, Bodenman, Zogg, Wolfe. Kaempchen, Hoffner, Wittenberg =21.

Elders: Hochkammer, Hintz, Hahn, Stock, Behrens, Neuhaus, J. Accola, Freitag, Erleman, Trautman, Fuhrmann, Rupp, L. Neuharth, Schempp, Kirschenmann, Gramm, Grosshuesch, Hauck, Opp, H. Neuharth, Ullmer, Job, Spanger, Boschee =24.

*No:*

Pastors: Wessler, Franzmeier, Rosenau, Lehman, A. Engelman =5.

Elders: Yainga, Dennerlein, Kauel =3.

*Non Liquet:*

Rev. Ernst, Rev. C. Grosshuesch.

Here the Rev. A. C. Fischer announced that he would reserve the right to appeal to General Synod.

The motion was then adopted that the Rev. H. C. Nott, D.D., and Rev. F. W. Knatz shall act as attorneys to defend Synod of the Northwest in case of an appeal before General Synod.

**2. ENTERTAINMENT FEES**

The report is given in the German portion of minutes.

**3. VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS**

1. Rev. E. H. Wessler shall deliver a lecture at the next year's meeting, in which he shall present the fundamentals for Ministerial Relief.

2. Rev. F. W. Knatz shall answer a communication from Dr. Goebel, President of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and extend to him the greetings and felicitations of Synod for his welfare.

3. Rev. K. Krueger is permitted to leave Synod one day earlier to preach at a Mission festival.

4. Place and time of the next meeting of Synod shall be arranged by the Executive Board.

5. The remarks of Rev. E. G. Krampe concerning the Reserve Fund are referred to the Committee on Finances.

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## ARTICLE X

### Adjournment

At the opening of every business session the minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

After all business was finished, the last registration took place. A quorum was present.

Then the minutes of the last day were read, corrected and adopted. After that the minutes were adopted as a whole.

The motion to adjourn was entertained and adopted. Synod adjourned in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, Saturday, September 10, 1938, at 3:45 P.M., repeating in unison the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer and singing "Lob- und Segensspruch No. 2" after being dismissed with benediction by the President.

The President then declared the Synod of the Northwest of the Reformed Church in the United States adjourned to meet again in general session at a place and at a time in September, 1939, to be determined by the Executive Board.

F. W. KNATZ, President
H. K. HARTMANN, Stated Clerk

For true and correct copy and correct translation of all reports not handed in written in the English language:

H. K. HARTMANN, Stated Clerk

[Seal]



## Eureka Classis (continued) Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

| | LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR | MEMBERSHIP AND GROWTH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Communicant Members reported last year | Members gained a) By Confirmation | b) By Transfer | c) By Ren'al of Conf'n | Total Gains | Members lost a) By Death | b) By Transfer | c) By Erasure | Total Losses | Net Gain | Net Loss | Present Communicant Membership | Baptized but not Confirmed Members | Total Communicant & Unconfirmed Membership | Members Supporting the Church Financially | Communion Services | Total Number of Participants | Members Who Communed at least Once in Year | English Services | German Services | Hungarian Services | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Total Sunday Church School Enrollment |
| 6 | Beulah, N. D., Beulah (Vacant) (Former statistics) | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Fullerton, Immanuel, Rev. E. Kaempchen | 88 | 8 | 2 | | 10 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | | 93 | 32 | 125 | 93 | 3 | 150 | 90 | | 28 | | | | 45 |
| 8 | " Kulm, Rev. E. Kaempchen | 19 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | | | 19 | 8 | 27 | 19 | 3 | 40 | 14 | | 9 | | | | |
| 9 | Heil, Grace (Vacant) | 32 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 33 | 29 | 62 | 25 | 1 | 18 | 18 | | 6 | | 5 | | 16 |
| 10 | Lincoln Valley, Kassel, Rev. F. F. Ott (Supply) | 76 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 75 | 24 | 99 | 70 | 3 | 150 | 60 | | 17 | | 5 | | 30 |
| 11 | " Zion, Rev. F. F. Ott (Supply) | 23 | | | | | | 14 | | 14 | | 14 | 9 | 8 | 17 | 9 | 1 | 10 | 10 | | 17 | | 1 | | 8 |
| 12 | Medina, Zoar (Vacant) (Former Statistics) | 39 | | | | | | | | | | | 39 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | " Rohrbach (Vacant) (Former Statistics) | 19 | | | | | | | | | | | 19 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Streeter, Frieden's (Vacant) (Former Statistics) | 27 | | | | | | | | | | | 27 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | " Zion (Vacant) (Former Statistics) | 74 | | | | | | | | | | | 74 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | " Ebenfeld (Vacant) (Former Statistics) | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | " Glauben's (Vacant) (Former Statistics) | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | " Hoffnung's (Vacant) (Former Statistics) | 32 | | | | | | | | | | | 32 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Upham, Frieden's, Rev. F. F. Ott | 91 | | | | | 2 | 4 | | 6 | | 6 | 85 | 30 | 115 | 85 | 3 | 180 | 50 | 2 | 35 | | 7 | | 20 |
| 20 | Wishek, Wishek, Rev. E. Kaempchen (Supply) | 55 | 1 | 7 | | 8 | | 6 | 2 | 8 | | | 55 | 25 | 80 | 55 | 3 | 120 | 50 | | 50 | | | | 30 |
| 21 | " Johannestal, Rev. E. Kaempchen (Supply) | 25 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 24 | 8 | 32 | 20 | 3 | 60 | 25 | | 25 | | | | 10 |
| 22 | " Neudorf, Rev. E. Kampchen (Supply) | 31 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 30 | 20 | 50 | 30 | 3 | 80 | 28 | | 50 | | | | 16 |
| 23 | Zeeland, Johannes, Rev. K. Krueger | 79 | 5 | | | 5 | | 12 | | 12 | | 7 | 72 | 45 | 117 | | | | 48 | | | | 1 | | 40 |
| 24 | " Neukassel, Rev. K. Krueger | 40 | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | 1 | 39 | 40 | 79 | | | | 10 | | | | 3 | | 30 |
| 25 | " Kassel, Rev. K. Krueger | 25 | 2 | | | 2 | | 3 | | 3 | | 1 | 24 | 10 | 34 | | | | 24 | | | | 1 | | 10 |
| 26 | " Rohrbach, Greenway, S. D., K. Krueger | 35 | 4 | | | 4 | | 1 | | 1 | 3 | | 38 | 22 | 60 | | | | 18 | | | | | | 22 |
| 27 | New Rockford, New Rockford, Vacant (Former Sta.) | 21 | | | | | | | | | | | 21 | | | | | | | | | | 60 | 2 | |
| 28 | Artas, S. D., Oddessa Chg., Artas, Rev. O. Hoffner | 94 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 11 | | | | | 11 | | 105 | 50 | 155 | 105 | 2 | 110 | 70 | 3 | 20 | | 1 | | 65 |
| 29 | " Frieden's, Rev. O. Hoffner | 29 | 4 | 1 | | 5 | | | 1 | 1 | 4 | | 33 | 25 | 58 | 33 | 2 | 30 | 20 | | 16 | | 3 | | 38 |
| 30 | " Herried, Rev. O. Hoffner | 22 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | | | 5 | 5 | 2 | | 24 | 12 | 36 | 24 | 2 | 40 | 24 | 2 | 10 | | 1 | | |
| 31 | " Java, Rev. O. Hoffner | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | 22 | 10 | 32 | 22 | 1 | 20 | 20 | | 20 | | 1 | | 15 |
| 32 | " Missouri, Rev. O. Hoffner | 22 | 1 | | 22 | 23 | | | | | 23 | | 45 | 20 | 65 | 45 | 2 | 40 | 30 | | 12 | | 2 | | |
| 33 | Eureka, Petersburg, Rev. W. J. Krieger | 151 | 4 | | 3 | 7 | 5 | 3 | | 8 | | 1 | 150 | 84 | 234 | 150 | 2 | 153 | 105 | 10 | 35 | | 2 | 1 | 62 |
| 34 | " Gluckstal, Rev. W. J. Krieger | 132 | 8 | | | 8 | | | | | 8 | | 140 | 95 | 235 | 140 | 2 | 122 | 95 | | 42 | | 8 | | 84 |
| 35 | Hosmer, Hosmer, Rev. W. Grossmann | 171 | 3 | | 2 | 5 | | 7 | | 7 | | 2 | 169 | 85 | 254 | 150 | 2 | 120 | 103 | 12 | 39 | | 6 | | 50 |
| 36 | " Neudorf, Rev. W. Grossmann | 60 | 3 | 1 | | 4 | 4 | | 2 | 6 | | 2 | 58 | 63 | 121 | 58 | 2 | 61 | 41 | | 21 | | 2 | | 45 |
| 37 | " Calvin, Rev. W. Grossmann | 40 | 4 | | 7 | 11 | | 1 | | 1 | 10 | | 50 | 43 | 93 | 46 | 2 | 52 | 42 | | 16 | | | | 38 |
| 38 | Isabel, Hoffnung's, Vacant (Former Statistics) | 26 | | | | | | | | | | | 26 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 39 | " Salem, Vacant (Former Statistics) | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1903 | 90 | 21 | 44 | 135 | 13 | 65 | 42 | 120 | 82 | 67 | 1918 | 915 | 2547 | 1419 | 51 | 1832 | 1116 | 29 | 513 | | 60 | 3 | 811 |

Revs. Em. P. Bauer, A. Haller-Leuz, C. T. Nuss, W. B. Wittenberg.

## Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

| | CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES | | | | | | BENEVOLENCES | | | | | PROPERTY OF CONGREGATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Debt Reduction | Interest on Debt | Current Expenses Exclusive of the Two Preceding Entries | Contingent Fund of Classis or District; Synod or Gen. Synod | Total Congregational Expenses | Amount of Budget or Apportionment | Paid on Budget or Apportionment | Special Gifts (Designations) toward the Budget or Appor'm't | Other Denominational Benevolences | Benevolences Outside the Denomination | Total Benevolences | Value of New Buildings Erected This Year | Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate | Present Value of Parsonage | Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property |
| 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | 640.00 | 33.44 | 673.44 | | | 122.90 | | | 122.90 | | 1500.00 | 2500.00 | |
| 8 | | | 170.00 | 7.22 | 177.22 | | 16.00 | | | | 16.00 | | 800.00 | | |
| 9 | | | 37.00 | | 37.00 | | 147.90 | | | | 147.90 | | 1500.00 | 800.00 | 245.00 |
| 10 | | | 200.00 | 28.80 | 228.80 | | 51.00 | | | | 51.00 | | 1500.00 | | |
| 11 | | | 125.00 | 8.74 | 133.74 | | 2.75 | | | | 2.75 | | 800.00 | | |
| 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | | | 550.00 | 34.58 | 584.58 | | 54.82 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 84.82 | | | | |
| 20 | | | 360.00 | 20.90 | 380.90 | | 30.00 | | | | 30.00 | | 1500.00 | 2000.00 | |
| 21 | | | 120.00 | 9.50 | 129.50 | | 26.61 | | | | 26.61 | | 600.00 | | |
| 22 | | | 170.00 | 11.78 | 181.78 | | 33.50 | | | | 33.50 | | 800.00 | | |
| 23 | | | 546.00 | 30.02 | 576.02 | | 70.00 | | | | 70.00 | | 2500.00 | 1500.00 | |
| 24 | | | 317.00 | 15.20 | 332.20 | | 18.50 | | | | 18.50 | | 250.00 | | |
| 25 | | | 157.00 | 9.50 | 166.50 | | 37.00 | | | | 37.00 | | 1000.00 | | |
| 26 | | | 210.00 | 13.30 | 223.30 | | 30.66 | | | | 30.66 | | 2000.00 | | |
| 27 | | | | 607.90 | | | 1111.64 | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | | | 700.00 | 34.20 | 734.20 | | | | 35.00 | | 35.00 | | 1500.00 | 2500.00 | |
| 29 | | | 210.00 | 11.40 | 221.40 | | | | | 30.00 | 30.00 | | 1400.00 | | |
| 30 | | | 135.00 | 7.22 | 142.22 | | | | 15.00 | | 15.00 | | 1500.00 | | |
| 31 | | | 120.00 | 7.98 | 127.98 | | | | 27.00 | | 27.00 | | 1500.00 | 1200.00 | |
| 32 | | | 110.00 | 11.02 | 121.02 | | | | 35.00 | | 35.00 | | | | |
| 33 | | | 1112.57 | 57.28 | 1169.85 | | 106.00 | | | | 106.00 | | 2500.00 | 5500.00 | 200.00 |
| 34 | | | 945.00 | 55.94 | 1000.94 | | 100.00 | | | | 100.00 | | 1400.00 | | |
| 35 | | | 900.00 | 64.98 | 964.98 | | 167.00 | | | | 167.00 | | 6000.00 | 5000.00 | |
| 36 | | | 350.00 | 22.80 | 372.80 | | 49.34 | | | | 49.34 | | 1000.00 | | |
| 37 | | | 275.00 | 15.20 | 290.20 | | 50.68 | | | | 50.68 | | 1000.00 | | |
| 38 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 39 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | $ 120.00 | $ 9530.57 | $ 607.90 | $10258.47 | | $ 1111.64 | $ 132.90 | $ 157.00 | $ 40.00 | $ 1441.54 | | $ 40150.00 | $ 30000.00 | $ 645.00 |

## California Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

| | LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR | Communicant Members reported last year | Members gained a) By Confirmation | b) By Transfer | c) By Ren'al of Conf'n | Total Gains | Members lost a) By Death | b) By Transfer | c) By Erasure | Total Losses | Net Gain | Net Loss | Present Communicant Membership | Baptized but not Confirmed Members | Total Communicant & Unconfirmed Membership | Members Supporting the Church Financially | Communion Services | Total Number of Participants | Members Who Communed at least Once in Year | English Services | German Services | Hungarian Services | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Total Sunday Church School Enrollment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Lodi, Cal., Salem, R. Birk | 111 | 4 | | 1 | 5 | 2 | | 6 | 8 | | 3 | 108 | 38 | 146 | 108 | 3 | 198 | 104 | 22 | 70 | | 1 | | 5 |
| 2 | Los Angeles, First, Edward F. Evemeyer, D.D. | 154 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 3 | | 2 | 5 | 6 | | 160 | 28 | 188 | 125 | 4 | 400 | 130 | 70 | | | 2 | 1 | 130 |
| 3 | " Hungarian, Albert Hady | 73 | | | 7 | 7 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | 4 | | 77 | 27 | 104 | 77 | 6 | 230 | 75 | 1 | | 57 | 1 | | 45 |
| 4 | " Japanese, Kichisuka Suzuki | 39 | | 2 | | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | | | 39 | 22 | 61 | 28 | 4 | 60 | 30 | | | *52 | | | 25 |
| 5 | San Francisco, First (Vacant) | 90 | | 7 | 17 | 24 | | 1 | 5 | 6 | 18 | | 108 | 61 | 169 | 86 | 4 | 240 | 48 | 12 | | *68 | 5 | 17 | 212 |
| 6 | Shafter, Ebenezer, Alfred Funck | 130 | 5 | 5 | 13 | 23 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | 20 | | 150 | 61 | 166 | 150 | 2 | 207 | 113 | 9 | 62 | | 13 | | 42 |
| 7 | West Hollywood, Trinity, Alexander W. Ogston | 56 | | 4 | | 4 | | | 17 | 17 | | 13 | 43 | 20 | 63 | 43 | 4 | 128 | 43 | 63 | | | 2 | | 100 |
| 8 | West Los Angeles, Japanese, Kichisuke Suzuki | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | 11 | 5 | 16 | 11 | 3 | 33 | 11 | | | *52 | | | 56 |
| | | 664 | 15 | 20 | 41 | 76 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 44 | 48 | 16 | 696 | 262 | 913 | 628 | 30 | 1496 | 554 | 177 | 132 | 57 | 24 | 18 | 667 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | *172 | | | |

* Japanese services.

Rev. Gustave Zenk, serving independent charge; Rev. Alois Krisik, without charge.

## Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

| | Debt Reduction | Interest on Debt | Current Expenses Exclusive of the Two Preceding Entries | Contingent Fund of Classis or District; Synod or Gen. Synod | Total Congregational Expenses | Amount of Budget or Apportionment | Paid on Budget or Apportionment | Special Gifts (Designations) toward the Budget or Appor'm't | Other Denominational Benevolences | Benevolences Outside the Denomination | Total Benevolences | Value of New Buildings Erected This Year | Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate | Present Value of Parsonage | Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | $ 1976.73 | $ 44.40 | $ 2021.13 | 434.01 | 259.92 | | 35.00 | | 294.92 | | 3500.00 | 3000.00 | |
| 2 | 513.56 | 607.56 | 3666.77 | 61.60 | 4849.49 | 502.14 | 386.75 | | 167.00 | 25.00 | 578.75 | | 70000.00 | | 11911.98 |
| 3 | 25.00 | | 2035.00 | 29.20 | 2089.20 | 285.43 | 69.89 | | 39.00 | | 108.89 | | 15000.00 | | 7000.00 |
| 4 | | | 868.99 | 15.60 | 884.59 | 153.49 | 24.12 | 5.00 | | | 29.12 | | 20000.00 | | |
| 5 | | | 2055.60 | 36.00 | 2091.60 | 351.90 | 164.00 | | 36.00 | | 200.00 | | 55000.00 | | |
| 6 | | | 2335.84 | 52.00 | 2387.84 | 508.30 | 296.50 | | 105.00 | 70.00 | 471.50 | | 5000.00 | 4500.00 | |
| 7 | 544.04 | | 525.00 | 22.40 | 1092.34 | 218.96 | 121.75 | | 97.50 | 30.00 | 249.25 | | 14000.00 | | 8734.49 |
| 8 | | | 417.35 | 4.40 | 421.75 | 43.01 | 53.76 | 20.00 | | | 73.76 | | | | |
| | $1083.50 | $ 607.56 | $13881.28 | $ 265.60 | $15837.94 | $ 2497.24 | $ 1376.69 | $ 25.00 | $ 479.50 | $ 125.00 | $ 2006.19 | | $182500.00 | $ 7500.00 | $ 27646.47 |

## South Dakota Classis (continued) Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

| No. | LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR | Communicant Members Reported Last Year | Members Gained a) By Confirmation | b) By Transfer | c) By Ren'al of Conf'n | Total Gains | Members Lost a) By Death | b) By Trsnafer | c) By Erasure | Total Losses | Net Gain | Net Loss | Present Communicant Membership | Baptized But Not Confirmed Members | Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership | Members Supporting the Church Financially | Communion Services | Total No. of Participants during Year | Members Who Communed at least Once in Year | English Services | German Services | Hungarian Services | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Total Sunday Church School Enrollment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | Belmont, S. D., New Salem (Vacant) | 46 | 2 | | | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | | | 46 | 30 | 76 | 40 | 3 | 75 | 46 | | 54 | | 4 | | 32 |
| 7 | " Bethel (Vacant) | 25 | 2 | | | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | | | 25 | 9 | 34 | 25 | 3 | 54 | 25 | | 27 | | 1 | | 11 |
| 8 | " Frieden's (Vacant) | 24 | 3 | | | 3 | | | 5 | 5 | | 2 | 22 | 4 | 26 | 22 | 3 | 35 | 22 | 26 | 26 | | | | 13 |
| 9 | Herrick, Zion (Vacant) | 50 | | | | | | 2 | 11 | 13 | | 13 | 37 | 30 | 67 | 37 | 2 | 37 | 37 | | 9 | | 1 | | 28 |
| 10 | " Frieden's (Vacant) | 8 | | | | | | | | 8 | | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | " Hope (Vacant) | 16 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 15 | 11 | 26 | 15 | 2 | 15 | 15 | | 9 | | 1 | | 6 |
| 12 | Kassel, Zion, A. Kurtz, D.D. (Supply) | 110 | 4 | | | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | | 2 | 108 | 61 | 170 | 78 | 3 | 280 | 106 | | 57 | | 7 | | 104 |
| 13 | " Johannestal, A. Kurtz, D.D. (Supply) | 49 | 2 | | | 2 | | | | | 2 | | 51 | 30 | 81 | 32 | 3 | 137 | 49 | | 57 | | 1 | | 42 |
| 14 | Marion, Bethel, A. Kurtz, D.D. | 66 | | | | | 2 | | 3 | 5 | | 5 | 61 | 14 | 75 | 55 | 2 | 103 | 58 | 26 | 30 | | | | 27 |
| 15 | " Hope, A. Kurtz, D.D. | 22 | 3 | | | 3 | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | | 24 | 9 | 33 | 18 | 2 | 48 | 24 | | 20 | | | | 12 |
| 16 | Menno, Salem, J. Bodenman | 258 | 9 | 3 | | 12 | 2 | 15 | 5 | 22 | | 10 | 248 | 56 | 304 | 235 | 2 | 236 | 179 | | 72 | | 5 | | 64 |
| 17 | " Ebenezer, J. Bodenman | 119 | 2 | 3 | | 5 | | 7 | 1 | 8 | | 3 | 116 | 56 | 172 | 115 | 2 | 138 | 105 | | 62 | | 5 | | 65 |
| 18 | " Saron, J. Bodenman | 72 | 3 | | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | | 2 | 70 | 47 | 117 | 70 | 2 | 99 | 67 | | 61 | | 8 | | 75 |
| 19 | " Bethlehem, J. Bodenman | 61 | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | 5 | 1 | 6 | | 3 | 58 | 24 | 82 | 60 | 2 | 95 | 57 | | 63 | | 3 | | 21 |
| 20 | Miller, Hope, William Korn | 84 | | | | | | 4 | 3 | 7 | | 7 | 77 | 52 | 129 | 77 | 1 | 54 | 54 | | 22 | | | | 44 |
| 21 | " Hope, W. Spr., William Korn | 30 | | | | | 1 | 5 | | 6 | | 6 | 24 | 13 | 37 | 24 | 2 | 44 | 24 | | 23 | | 1 | | 10 |
| 22 | Scotland, Bethany, U. Zogg | 130 | 11 | | | 11 | 1 | 6 | | 7 | 4 | | 134 | 45 | 179 | 115 | 4 | 132 | 132 | | 62 | | 1 | | 49 |
| 23 | " Freeman, U. Zogg | 54 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 55 | 13 | 68 | 55 | 4 | 55 | 55 | | 36 | | 1 | | 35 |
| 24 | " Zion, U. Zogg | 62 | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | | | | 3 | | 65 | 22 | 87 | 65 | 4 | 65 | 65 | | 25 | | 1 | | 30 |
| 25 | Tripp, Frieden, K. J. Stuebbe, D.D. | 266 | 9 | 12 | 13 | 34 | 4 | 1 | 23 | 28 | 6 | | 272 | 107 | 379 | 180 | 3 | 540 | 270 | 8 | 40 | | 10 | | 182 |
| 26 | " Emanuel, K. J. Stuebbe, D.D. | 193 | 8 | | 6 | 14 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 12 | 2 | | 195 | 71 | 266 | 60 | 3 | 350 | 198 | 6 | 40 | | 7 | 1 | 99 |
| 27 | " Bethel, K. J. Stuebbe, D.D. | 75 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 8 | | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | | 79 | 33 | 112 | 25 | 3 | 140 | 78 | | 20 | | 1 | | 44 |
| | | 2035 | 70 | 28 | 35 | 133 | 16 | 84 | 70 | 170 | 32 | 69 | 1998 | 867 | 2866 | 1613 | 63 | 3012 | 1838 | 67 | 924 | | 66 | 1 | 1142 |

Rev. M. Nuss, Em.; Rev. G. Meininger, without charge; Rev. H. H. Niehaus, Em.

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| No. | Congregational Expenses: Debt Reduction | Interest on Debt | Current Expenses Exclusive of the Two Preceding Entries | Contingent Fund of Classis or District; Synod or Gen. Synod | Total Congregational Expenses | Amount of Budget or Apportionment | Benevolences: Paid on Budget or Apportionment | Special Gifts (Designations) toward the Budget or Appor'm't | Other Denominational Benevolences | Benevolences Outside the Denomination | Total Benevolences | Property of Congregation: Value of New Buildings Erected This Year | Present Value of Church Buildings And Real Estate | Present Value of Parsonage | Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | $ | $ | $ 210.00 | $ 9.30 | $ 219.30 | $ 93.85 | $ 21.04 | $ | $ | $ | $ 21.04 | $ | $ 1500.00 | $ | $ |
| 8 | | | 325.00 | 10.00 | 335.00 | 97.75 | 32.78 | | 2.00 | | 34.78 | | 1500.00 | | |
| 9 | | | 136.00 | 25.00 | 161.00 | 144.67 | 26.00 | | | | 26.00 | | 1000.00 | 1200.00 | |
| 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | 88.00 | | 88.00 | 62.56 | | | | | | | 500.00 | | |
| 12 | | | 642.30 | 44.00 | 686.30 | 441.80 | 250.16 | | 45.00 | | 295.16 | | 1200.00 | 2500.00 | |
| 13 | | | 135.00 | 19.60 | 154.60 | 291.59 | 45.60 | | 4.00 | | 49.60 | | 1200.00 | | |
| 14 | | | 974.00 | 26.40 | 1000.40 | 258.00 | 168.00 | | 52.85 | | 220.85 | | 4000.00 | 2500.00 | |
| 15 | | | 266.00 | 9.20 | 275.20 | 86.00 | 22.47 | | | | 22.47 | | 700.00 | | |
| 16 | | | 1260.00 | 111.55 | 1371.55 | 1008.00 | 256.50 | | 47.75 | 33.75 | 338.00 | | 7000.00 | 8000.00 | |
| 17 | | | 570.00 | 47.60 | 617.60 | 465.00 | 141.45 | | 13.00 | | 154.45 | | 2500.00 | | |
| 18 | | | 290.00 | 22.40 | 312.40 | 281.00 | 49.25 | | 2.00 | | 51.25 | | 2500.00 | | |
| 19 | | | 510.00 | 24.40 | 543.40 | 238.00 | 169.75 | | 5.00 | 5.00 | 179.75 | | 2500.00 | | |
| 20 | | 80.00 | 368.00 | 54.15 | 502 15 | 328.45 | 64.07 | | | | 64.07 | | | 2500.00 | 2400.00 |
| 21 | | | 181.80 | 12.00 | 193 80 | 117.30 | 27.60 | | | | 27.60 | | | | |
| 22 | | | 991.34 | 52.00 | 1043.34 | 508.30 | 113.40 | | | | 113.40 | | 8000.00 | 5000.00 | |
| 23 | | | 540.39 | 21.60 | 561.99 | 211.14 | 58.23 | | | | 58.23 | | 1000.00 | | |
| 24 | | | 380.00 | 19.20 | 399.20 | 242.42 | 45.55 | | | | 45.55 | | 1000.00 | | |
| 25 | | | 1228.00 | 106.40 | 1334.40 | 1040.06 | 227.66 | | 45.75 | 50.00 | 323.41 | | 400.00 | 2000.00 | |
| 26 | | | 990.00 | 77.20 | 1067.20 | 754.63 | 193.57 | | 32.50 | 21.05 | 247.12 | | 500.00 | | |
| 27 | | | 350.00 | 30.00 | 380.00 | 293.25 | 72.43 | | | 11.50 | 83.93 | | 400.00 | | |
| | | $ 80.00 | $12155.25 | $ 824.00 | $13059.25 | $ 7984.27 | $ 2282.46 | | $ 253.30 | $ 126.30 | $ 2662.06 | | $ 46100.00 | $ 30700.00 | $ 2400.00 |

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| No. | LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR | Communicant Members Reported Last Year | Members Gained a) By Confirmation | b) By Transfer | c) By Ren'al of Conf'n | Total Gains | Members Lost a) By Death | b) By Trsnafer | c) By Erasure | Total Losses | Net Gain | Net Loss | Present Communicant Membership | Baptized But Not Confirmed Members | Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership | Members Supporting the Church Financially | Communion Services | Total No. of Participants during Year | Members Who Communed at least Once in Year | English Services | German Services | Hungarian Services | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Total Sunday Church School Enrollment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hillsboro, Ore., Emanuel, B. M. Fresenborg | 98 | 8 | | | 8 | 4 | | 2 | 6 | 2 | | 100 | 54 | 154 | 87 | 3 | 132 | 82 | 52 | 14 | | 4 | | 72 |
| 2 | Hillsdale, Hillsdale, J. Egger | 87 | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 4 | 5 | | 2 | 85 | 26 | 111 | 60 | 3 | 64 | 60 | 55 | 32 | | 1 | | 68 |
| 3 | Portland, First, G. Hafner | 193 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 16 | 2 | 21 | | 12 | 181 | 38 | 219 | 110 | 4 | 360 | 130 | 36 | 26 | | 2 | | 80 |
| 4 | " Second, G. F. Zinn | 139 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 19 | 3 | 4 | | 7 | 12 | | 151 | 55 | 206 | | 4 | 342 | 119 | 99 | | | 5 | 3 | 178 |
| 5 | " Third, A. F. Lienkaemper | 82 | 3 | 2 | | 5 | 2 | | 3 | 5 | | | 82 | 19 | 101 | 70 | 3 | 127 | 57 | 53 | 1 | | | | 53 |
| 6 | Quincy, Wash., Ebenezer, W. A. Werth (Supply) | 43 | | 2 | 9 | 11 | 1 | | | 1 | 10 | | 53 | 40 | 93 | 53 | 2 | 36 | 20 | 50 | | | 1 | | 35 |
| 7 | Salem, Ore., Bethany, E. Horstman | 70 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 12 | | 3 | 3 | 6 | 6 | | 76 | 16 | 92 | 65 | 6 | 180 | 63 | 58 | 6 | | | 2 | 66 |
| 8 | Tillamook, St. John's, I. G. Nace | 185 | 5 | 5 | | 10 | | 2 | | 2 | 8 | | 193 | 76 | 269 | 150 | 4 | 289 | 126 | 52 | | | 5 | 2 | 110 |
| 9 | Wilsonville, Meridian, C. F. Howe (Supply) | 54 | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 52 | 7 | 59 | 47 | 3 | 125 | 50 | 33 | 4 | | | | 22 |
| | | 951 | 35 | 20 | 22 | 77 | 15 | 25 | 15 | 55 | 38 | 16 | 973 | 331 | 1303 | 642 | 32 | 1655 | 687.. | 458 | 133 | | 18 | 7 | 655 |

Rev. A. E. Wyss, without charge; Revs. M. Denny, Em.; E. Lehrer, Em.; W. G. Lienkaemper, C. C. Lienkaemper, E. Scheidt, Em,; L. S.elzer, Em.

## Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | 793.54 | 24.50 | 818.04 | 383.18 | 48.48 | | 5.00 | 24.25 | 77.73 | | 3000.00 | 2500.00 | |
| 2 | | | 1523.75 | 21.75 | 1545.50 | 340.17 | 417.70 | | 144.00 | 105.82 | 667.52 | | 8000.00 | 2000.00 | |
| 3 | | | 3044.00 | 48.25 | 3092.25 | 754.63 | 261.00 | | 47.00 | 905.00 | 1213.00 | | 58000.00 | 10000.00 | |
| 4 | 300.00 | | 1390.00 | 46.00 | 1736.00 | 525.00 | 195.00 | | 15.00 | 23.00 | 233.00 | | 18000.00 | 6000.00 | 14700.00 |
| 5 | | | 1194.50 | 20.50 | 1215.00 | 310.00 | 156.00 | | 17.00 | | 173.00 | | 3500.00 | 2500.00 | |
| 6 | | | 348.15 | | 348.15 | 163.83 | 202.01 | | | | 202.01 | | 1500.00 | 3000.00 | |
| 7 | | | 1010.49 | 17.50 | 1027.99 | 251.50 | 270.59 | | 65.21 | | 335.80 | | 20000.00 | 5000.00 | |
| 8 | | | 1797.00 | 46.25 | 1843.25 | 723.35 | 417.26 | | 12.50 | 10.00 | 439.76 | | 6000.00 | 3500.00 | |
| 9 | | | 385.11 | 13.00 | 398.11 | 165.78 | 62.21 | | 6.16 | | 68.37 | | 1700.00 | | |
| | $ 300.00 | | $11486.54 | $ 237.75 | $12024.29 | $ 3617.44 | $ 2030.25 | | $ 311.87 | $1068.07 | $ 3410.19 | | $119700.00 | $ 34300.00 | $ 14700.00 |

## West Canada Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

| No. | LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR | Communicant Members Reported Last Year | Members Gained a) By Confirmation | b) By Transfer | c) By Ren'al of Conf'n | Total Gains | Members Lost a) By Death | b) By Trsnafer | c) By Erasure | Total Losses | Net Gain | Net Loss | Present Communicant Membership | Baptized But Not Confirmed Members | Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership | Members Supporting the Church Financially | Communion Services | Total No. of Participants during Year | Members Who Communed at least Once in Year | English Services | German Services | Hungarian Services | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Total Sunday Church School Enrollment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Brown, Man., Can., Immanuel, P. Wiegand | 93 | 9 | 2 | | 11 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 2 | | 95 | 55 | 140 | 95 | 2 | 44 | 44 | | 32 | | 5 | 2 | 33 |
| 2 | Duff, Sask., Frieden's (Vacant) | 57 | | | | | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | 55 | 59 | 114 | 50 | 3 | 111 | 51 | | 24 | | | | 59 |
| 3 | Duffield, Alta., Mewassin, C. H. Reppert | 46 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 47 | 36 | 83 | 46 | 2 | 80 | 43 | 8 | 16 | | 2 | 2 | 25 |
| 4 | Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., Frieden, John F. Krieger | 170 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 1 | | 4 | 8 | | 178 | 79 | 257 | 145 | 3 | 199 | 123 | | 52 | | 7 | | 75 |
| 5 | Grenfell, Sask., St. John's, Carl Fried | 68 | 4 | | 2 | 6 | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 3 | | 71 | 43 | 114 | 71 | 4 | 64 | 47 | | 32 | | 4 | | 28 |
| 6 | Morden, Man., Zion, P. Wiegand | 29 | 2 | | | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | | | 29 | 20 | 49 | 29 | 1 | 18 | 18 | | 27 | | 2 | | 10 |
| 7 | Martins, Alta., Salem's (Vacant) | 81 | 5 | | | 5 | | 3 | | 3 | 2 | | 83 | 30 | 113 | 74 | 2 | 110 | 76 | | 29 | | 3 | | 33 |
| 8 | Neudorf, Sask., Zion, Carl Fried | 15 | 3 | | | 3 | | | 4 | 4 | | 1 | 14 | 13 | 27 | 14 | 2 | 16 | 14 | | 18 | | 2 | | 7 |
| 9 | Stony Plain, Alta., Hoffnung, C. H. Reppert | 134 | 15 | | 2 | 17 | | 2 | 6 | 8 | 9 | | 143 | 78 | 221 | 143 | 2 | 204 | 120 | 8 | 48 | | 2 | | 140 |
| 10 | Vegreville, Alta., Zion (Vacant) | 60 | 8 | | | 8 | | 2 | | 2 | 6 | | 66 | 27 | 93 | 35 | 2 | 93 | 58 | | 29 | | 1 | | 45 |
| 11 | Winnipeg, Man., Salem, C. D. Maurer | 215 | 6 | 2 | | 8 | 1 | | | 1 | 7 | | 222 | 57 | 279 | 120 | 4 | 192 | 156 | 38 | 50 | | 10 | | 38 |
| 12 | Wolseley, Sask., Bethany (Vacant) | 83 | | | | | 1 | 8 | | 9 | | 9 | 74 | 29 | 103 | 35 | 3 | 128 | 68 | | 38 | | | | 30 |
| | | 1051 | 59 | 8 | 7 | 74 | 7 | 21 | 20 | 48 | 38 | 12 | 1077 | 526 | 1593 | 857 | 30 | 1259 | 818 | 54 | 395 | | 38 | 4 | 523 |

## Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

| No. | Debt Reduction | Interest on Debt | Current Expenses Exclusive of the Two Preceding Entries | Contingent Fund of Classis or District; Synod or Gen. Synod | Total Congregational Expenses | Amount of Budget or Apportionment | Paid on Budget or Apportionment | Special Gifts (Designations) toward the Budget or Appor'm't | Other Denominational Benevolences | Benevolences Outside the Denomination | Total Benevolences | Value of New Buildings Erected This Year | Present Value of Church Buildings And Real Estate | Present Value of Parsonage | Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | 422.00 | 45.00 | 467.00 | 285.00 | 84.00 | | | 19.00 | 103.00 | | 2000.00 | 1500.00 | |
| 2 | | | 200.00 | 19.95 | 219.95 | | 56.00 | | | | 56.00 | | 1500.00 | 1200.00 | |
| 3 | | | 275.00 | 16.10 | 291.10 | 179.46 | 47.50 | | 26.50 | | 74.00 | | 4000.00 | | |
| 4 | | | 1698.97 | 59.50 | 1758.47 | | 247.96 | | 32.87 | 51.30 | 332.13 | | 5000.00 | 4000.00 | |
| 5 | | | 550.75 | 20.40 | 571.15 | | 54.80 | | | | 54.80 | | 1500.00 | 1500.00 | |
| 6 | | | 193.00 | 12.00 | 205.00 | 87.00 | 43.00 | | | | 43.00 | | 1000.00 | | |
| 7 | | | 300.00 | 28.35 | 328.35 | | 150.00 | | 27.01 | | 177.01 | | 2000.00 | | |
| 8 | | | 65.00 | 4.50 | 69.50 | | 8.81 | | | | 8.81 | | 1000.00 | | 100.00 |
| 9 | | | 839.10 | 46.90 | 886.00 | 523.94 | 135.00 | | 20.00 | 8.00 | 163.00 | | 3800.00 | 2300.00 | |
| 10 | | | 205.00 | 20.65 | 225.65 | | 28.00 | | | | 28.00 | | 1500.00 | 1500.00 | |
| 11 | 222.59 | 22.91 | 1901.07 | 58.50 | 2205.07 | 840.65 | 201.31 | 35.50 | | 138.42 | 375.23 | | 18000.00 | 5000.00 | 747.55 |
| 12 | | | 200.00 | 24.90 | 224.90 | | 43.00 | | | | 43.00 | | 1500.00 | 1500.00 | 100.00 |
| | $ 222.59 | $ 22.91 | $ 6849.89 | $ 356.75 | $ 7452.14 | $ 1916.05 | $ 1099.38 | $ 35.50 | $ 106.38 | $ 216.72 | $ 1457.98 | | $ 42800.00 | $ 18500.00 | $ 947.55 |

## Eureka Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

| No. | LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR | Communicant Members Reported Last Year | Members Gained a) By Confirmation | b) By Transfer | c) By Ren'al of Conf'n | Total Gains | Members Lost a) By Death | b) By Trsnafer | c) By Erasure | Total Losses | Net Gain | Net Loss | Present Communicant Membership | Baptized But Not Confirmed Members | Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership | Members Supporting the Church Financially | Communion Services | Total No. of Participants during Year | Members Who Communed at least Once in Year | English Services | German Services | Hungarian Services | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Total Sunday Church School Enrollment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ashley, N. D., George Wolfe | 29 | 2 | | 3 | 5 | | | | | 5 | | 34 | 21 | 55 | 34 | 2 | 31 | 27 | | 9 | | 2 | | 28 |
| 2 | " Danzig, George Wolfe | 20 | 1 | 3 | | 4 | | | | | 4 | | 24 | 12 | 36 | 24 | 2 | 25 | 12 | | 9 | | | | 20 |
| 3 | " Hoffnungstal, George Wolfe | 66 | 6 | | | 6 | | | | | 6 | | 72 | 36 | 108 | 72 | 2 | 94 | 47 | | 9 | | 1 | 1 | 30 |
| 4 | " Saron, George Wolfe | 52 | 5 | | | 5 | | 5 | | 5 | | | 52 | 32 | 84 | 52 | 2 | 91 | | | 9 | | 1 | | 41 |
| 5 | " Oranien, Leola, S. D., George Wolfe | 88 | | | | | | | 30 | 30 | | 30 | 58 | 26 | 84 | 58 | 1 | 35 | 35 | | 9 | | 7 | | 18 |

## Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

| No. | Debt Reduction | Interest on Debt | Current Expenses Exclusive of the Two Preceding Entries | Contingent Fund of Classis or District; Synod or Gen. Synod | Total Congregational Expenses | Amount of Budget or Apportionment | Paid on Budget or Apportionment | Special Gifts (Designations) toward the Budget or Appor'm't | Other Denominational Benevolences | Benevolences Outside the Denomination | Total Benevolences | Value of New Buildings Erected This Year | Present Value of Church Buildings And Real Estate | Present Value of Parsonage | Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | 200.00 | 11.02 | 211.02 | | 19.07 | | 5.00 | | 24.07 | | 1400.00 | 6000.00 | |
| 2 | | | 80.00 | 7.60 | 87.60 | | 18.07 | | 5.00 | | 23.07 | | 1400.00 | | 200.00 |
| 3 | | | 300.00 | 25.08 | 325.08 | | 29.25 | | 5.00 | | 34.25 | | 1400.00 | | |
| 4 | | | 250.00 | 19.76 | 269.76 | | 37.16 | | 10.00 | | 47.16 | | 1400.00 | | |
| 5 | | 120.00 | 241.00 | 33.44 | 394.44 | | 16.33 | | 10.00 | | 26.33 | | 2000.00 | 3000.00 | |

## Minnesota Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

| | LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR | MEMBERSHIP AND GROWTH OF CONGREGATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Communicant Members Reported Last Year | Members Gained a) By Confirmation | b) By Transfer | c) By Ren'al of Conf'n | Total Gains | Members Lost a) By Death | b) By Transfer | c) By Erasure | Total Losses | Net Gain | Net Loss | Present Communicant Membership | Baptized But Not Confirmed Members | Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership | Members Supporting the Church Financially | Communion Services | Total Number of Participants during Year | Members Who Communed at least Once in Year | English Services | German Services | Hungarian Services | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Total Sunday Church School Enrollment |
| 1 | Garner, Iowa, Peace, Wm. Huenemann | 182 | 5 | 1 | | 6 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 11 | | 5 | 177 | 87 | 264 | 177 | 3 | 242 | 147 | 29 | 29 | | 7 | | 166 |
| 2 | " Zion, Wm. Huenemann | 88 | | 2 | | 2 | | 4 | 11 | 15 | | 13 | 75 | 27 | 102 | 75 | 3 | 91 | 48 | 54 | | | | | 50 |
| 3 | Klemme, Immanuel, C. Grosshuesch | 288 | 5 | 1 | | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | | | 288 | 135 | 423 | 249 | 3 | 248 | 213 | 40 | 28 | | 5 | 1 | 469 |
| 4 | Waukon, Zion, Frank Stucki | 480 | 17 | 8 | 5 | 30 | | 1 | | 1 | 29 | | 509 | 136 | 645 | 509 | 3 | 660 | 393 | 45 | 18 | | 11 | | 272 |
| 5 | " Salem, Edmond M. DeBuhr | 233 | 5 | 3 | | 8 | 7 | | 4 | 11 | | 3 | 230 | 88 | 318 | 184 | 3 | 254 | 190 | 24 | 32 | | 11 | | 121 |
| 6 | Bongards, Minn., St. John's, E. H. Opperman | 174 | 5 | | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | | | 174 | 69 | 243 | 164 | 3 | 172 | 129 | 13 | 44 | | 6 | 3 | 46 |
| 7 | Dahlgren, Zoar, E. H. Opperman | 88 | 4 | | 2 | 6 | | | 4 | 4 | 2 | | 90 | 32 | 122 | 88 | 3 | 94 | 64 | 12 | 42 | | | | 28 |
| 8 | Hamburg, St. Paul's, Otto Vriesen | 217 | | | 6 | 6 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | | 220 | 92 | 312 | 220 | 5 | 220 | 210 | 12 | 48 | | 6 | | 66 |
| 9 | St. Paul, Peace, Arthur Krueger | 224 | 17 | 8 | 17 | 42 | 5 | | 7 | 12 | 30 | | 254 | 65 | 319 | 247 | 6 | 434 | 237 | 61 | 33 | | 7 | 3 | 145 |
| 10 | Wabasha, Trinity, Jason Hoffman | 114 | | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 3 | | 1 | 113 | 33 | 146 | 68 | 2 | 125 | 86 | 54 | | | 3 | | 48 |
| 11 | West Concord, Zwingli, Edw. H. Vornholt | 183 | 14 | | 4 | 18 | | | | | 18 | | 201 | 56 | 257 | 110 | 4 | | 168 | 51 | | | 5 | | 66 |
| 12 | Alma, Wis., St. Paul's, Edw. Mohr | 115 | 3 | | | 3 | | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | 115 | 35 | 150 | 113 | 4 | 232 | 90 | 48 | | | 7 | | 46 |
| 13 | Cochrane, Hope, Edw. Mohr | 37 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | 36 | 8 | 44 | 36 | 4 | 57 | 26 | 26 | | | | | 24 |
| 14 | Eagle Valley, Immanuel, Melvin C. Witmer | 34 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 33 | 25 | 58 | 33 | 2 | 20 | 10 | 17 | | | | | 18 |
| 15 | Fountain City, St. John's, Melvin C. Witmer | 133 | | | 11 | 11 | 3 | | | 3 | 8 | | 141 | 25 | 166 | 132 | 2 | 137 | 90 | 36 | 7 | | 4 | | 42 |
| 16 | La Crosse, St. John's, W. J. Stuckey | 366 | 30 | 2 | 8 | 40 | 5 | | 2 | 7 | 33 | | 399 | 124 | 523 | 329 | 4 | 666 | 320 | 56 | 1 | | 18 | 1 | 161 |
| 17 | " Trinity, Esra Vornholt | 189 | 11 | | 1 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 13 | | 1 | 188 | 77 | 265 | 168 | 4 | 406 | 158 | 65 | 1 | | 5 | | 266 |
| 18 | Rice Lake, Zwingli, W. Baumgartner | 96 | | | | | 2 | | | 2 | | 2 | 94 | 55 | 149 | 75 | 4 | 152 | 70 | 22 | 10 | | 8 | | |
| 19 | Tell, St. Luke, Edw. Mohr | 66 | 4 | | | 4 | 2 | | 6 | 8 | | 4 | 62 | 30 | 92 | 72 | 4 | 124 | 64 | 24 | | | 11 | | 27 |
| | | 3307 | 120 | 27 | 56 | 203 | 35 | 15 | 61 | 111 | 123 | 31 | 3399 | 1199 | 4598 | 3049 | 66 | 4334 | 2713 | 689 | 293 | | 114 | 8 | 2061 |

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## Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

| | CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES | | | | | | BENEVOLENCES | | | | | PROPEROF OF CONGREGATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Debt Reduction | Interest on Debt | Current Expenses Exclusive of the Two Preceding Entries | Contingent Fund of Classis or District; Synod or Gen. Synod | Total Congregational Expenses | Amount of Budget or Apportionment | Paid on Budget or Apportionment | Special Gifts (Designations) toward the Budget or Appor'm't | Other Denominational Benevolences | Benevolences Outside the Denomination | Total Benevolences | Value of New Buildings Erected This Year | Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate | Present Value of Parsonage | Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property |
| 1 | $ | $ | $ 2215.00 | $ 54.60 | $ 2269.60 | $ 711.62 | $ 372.21 | $ | $ 77.80 | $ | $ 450.01 | $ | $ 9000.00 | $ 5000.00 | $ |
| 2 | | | 520.00 | 26.40 | 546.40 | 344.08 | 95.85 | | 15.00 | | 110.85 | | 8000.00 | | |
| 3 | | | 3251.29 | 86.40 | 3337.69 | 1126.08 | 932.34 | | | | 932.34 | | 30000.00 | 3500.00 | |
| 4 | 1249.27 | 111.75 | 5656.00 | 144.00 | 7161.02 | 1876.80 | 2016.04 | | | | 2016.04 | | 40000.00 | 5000.00 | |
| 5 | | | 2155.00 | 70.00 | 2225.00 | 911.03 | 564.00 | | 37.00 | | 601.00 | | 20000.00 | 5000.00 | |
| 6 | | | 1607.74 | 52.20 | 1659.94 | 680.34 | 322.03 | | 25.43 | 39.51 | 386.97 | 5700.00 | 10000.00 | 5000.00 | 3500.00 |
| 7 | | | 898.92 | 26.40 | 925.32 | 344.08 | 239.31 | | 19.35 | 15.00 | 273.66 | | 3000.00 | 2000.00 | |
| 8 | | | 2988.49 | 65.10 | 3053.59 | 848.47 | 507.89 | | | 80.50 | 588.39 | | 15000.00 | 7000.00 | |
| 9 | 1907.00 | | 3558.60 | 67.20 | 5532.80 | 703.80 | 246.28 | | | 12.00 | 258.28 | 7150.00 | 20000.00 | 8300.00 | 6900.00 |
| 10 | | | 1386.00 | | 1386.00 | 445.74 | 50.00 | | | 10.00 | 60.00 | | 7500.00 | 3000.00 | 500.00 |
| 11 | 393.59 | 70.00 | 1453.17 | 54.90 | 1971.66 | 715.53 | 145.61 | | 23.00 | 20.00 | 188.61 | | 3000.00 | 4000.00 | 1600.00 |
| 12 | | 4.50 | 1088.08 | 34.50 | 1127.08 | 449.65 | 81.35 | | | 5.00 | 86.35 | | 3000.00 | 3150.00 | |
| 13 | | 17.25 | 273.23 | 11.10 | 301.58 | 144.67 | 45.00 | | | 5.00 | 50.00 | | 3000.00 | 850.00 | 700.00 |
| 14 | | | 100.20 | | 100.20 | 122.94 | 35.00 | | | | 35.00 | 124.50 | | | 14.00 |
| 15 | | | 1030.27 | 78.60 | 1108.87 | 520.03 | 170.00 | | | | 170.00 | 1509.38 | 6500.00 | 5000.00 | |
| 16 | 800.00 | 466.00 | 2880.00 | 22.00 | 4168.00 | 1431.06 | 87.00 | | | 6.00 | 93.00 | | 40000.00 | 3000.00 | 11450.00 |
| 17 | | 15.00 | 2363.89 | 58.20 | 2437.09 | 738.99 | 210.00 | | | 60.00 | 270.00 | | 10000.00 | 5000.00 | 300.00 |
| 18 | | | 684.72 | 28.00 | 712.72 | 375.36 | 71.98 | | | 16.25 | 88.53 | 600.00 | 3000.00 | 4000.00 | |
| 19 | | | 530.88 | 22.80 | 553.68 | 297.16 | 25.00 | | | | 25.00 | | 3000.00 | 1000.00 | |
| | $4349.86 | $ 684.50 | $34641.48 | $ 902.40 | $40578.24 | $12787.43 | $ 6216.89 | | $ 197.58 | $ 269.26 | $ 6683.73 | $15083.88 | $233500.00 | $ 67800.00 | $ 24964.00 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Loveland, Colorado, Hope | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Columbus, Nebr., R. 4, Gruetli, C. Wm. Deglow | 38 | 5 | | | 5 | | | 6 | 6 | | 1 | 37 | 18 | 55 | 26 | 4 | 72 | 27 | 12 | 10 | | 1 | | 29 |
| 3 | " Bethel | 37 | | | | | | | | | | | 37 | 9 | 46 | 35 | 4 | 113 | 37 | 30 | | | 1 | | |
| 4 | Harbine, Hope, P. S. Kohler | 160 | | | | | 1 | 4 | 11 | 16 | | 16 | 144 | 69 | 213 | | 4 | 115 | 40 | 40 | 12 | | 2 | | 110 |
| 5 | Harvard, Zion, H. R. Burkett | 105 | 9 | | | 9 | 3 | | | 3 | 6 | | 111 | 25 | 136 | 80 | 3 | 145 | 85 | | | | | | 80 |
| 6 | Humboldt, R. 4, St. John's (Supplied) | 40 | 7 | | | 7 | | | | | 7 | | 47 | | | 14 | 2 | 36 | 36 | 12 | 1 | | 2 | | |
| 7 | " Salem, A. O. Engelmann | 111 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | | | 1 | 4 | | 115 | 52 | 167 | 79 | 4 | 303 | 103 | 54 | | | 2 | 1 | 142 |
| 8 | Lincoln, Immanuel (Vacant) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Norfolk, R. 1, Peace, C. H. Riedesel | 93 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 92 | 29 | 121 | 92 | 3 | 89 | 83 | 50 | 11 | | 1 | | 60 |
| 10 | " Emmanuel, C. H. Riedesel | 43 | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 44 | 6 | 50 | 44 | 3 | 75 | 37 | 39 | 11 | | | | 41 |
| 11 | Sutton, Immanuel, Paul Traeger, Ph.D. | 301 | 17 | 3 | 12 | 32 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 23 | | 324 | 116 | 440 | 324 | 3 | 372 | 280 | 12 | 56 | | 6 | | 147 |
| | | 928 | 43 | 4 | 13 | 60 | 10 | 7 | 20 | 37 | 41 | 18 | 951 | 324 | 1228 | 694 | 30 | 1320 | 688 | 249 | 101 | | 15 | 1 | 609 |

Rev. H. K. Hartman, Sutton, serving former independent Hope Reformed Congregation, which joined Classis; Rev. J. Bonekemper, Em.; Rev. Henry E. Grieb, Em.; Rev. August Dumin, leave of absence.

## Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | 189.12 | 11.40 | 200.52 | 148.58 | 71.00 | | 6.00 | | 77.00 | | 2500.00 | 1500.00 | |
| 3 | | | 490.00 | 11.10 | 501.10 | 144.67 | 107.00 | | 15.00 | | 122.00 | | | | |
| 4 | 290.00 | 23.20 | 1401.00 | 48.00 | 1762.20 | 625.60 | 135.46 | | | | 135.46 | | 5000.00 | 4000.00 | |
| 5 | | | 1134.00 | 24.00 | 1158.00 | | 50.00 | | 23.00 | 12.00 | 85.00 | | 6000.00 | 2500.00 | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | 1463.00 | 33.30 | 1496.30 | 434.00 | 128.25 | | 52.50 | 22.25 | 203.00 | | 2500.00 | 3500.00 | |
| 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | | | 821.00 | 31.50 | 852.50 | 442.00 | 235.00 | | | | 235.00 | | 10000.00 | 4000.00 | |
| 10 | | | 434.00 | 12.90 | 446.90 | 173.00 | 155.00 | | | | 155.00 | | 6000.00 | | |
| 11 | | | 1571.18 | 90.30 | 1661.48 | 1176.91 | 606.59 | | | | 606.59 | | 7000.00 | 2500.00 | |
| | $ 290.00 | $ 23.20 | $ 78.16 | $ 262.50 | $ 8031.00 | $ 3071.76 | $ 1352.84 | | $ 96.50 | $ 34.25 | $ 1229.05 | | $ 39000.00 | $ 19500.00 | |

## Ursinus Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

| | LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR | Communicant Members Reported Last Year | Members Gained a) By Confirmation | b) By Transfer | c) By Ren'al of Conf'n | Total Gains | Members Lost a) By Death | b) By Transfer | c) By Erasure | Total Losses | Net Gain | Net Loss | Present Communicant Membership | Baptized But Not Confirmed Members | Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership | Members Supporting the Church Financially | Communion Services | Total Number of Participants during Year | Members Who Communed at least Once in Year | English Services | German Services | Hungarian Services | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Total Sunday Church School Enrollment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Alleman, Iown, Salem, A. I. Kruetzman | 264 | 5 | 3 | | 8 | | 5 | | 5 | 3 | | 267 | 86 | 353 | 227 | 3 | 454 | 200 | 62 | | | 10 | | 194 |
| 2 | Baxter, Bethany, D. E. Bosma | 204 | | | | | 2 | 5 | | 7 | | 7 | 197 | 60 | 257 | 160 | 3 | 220 | 140 | 26 | 29 | | 5 | | 55 |
| 3 | Big Rock, Immanuel, A. C. Fischer (Supply) | 33 | | | | | | 3 | | 3 | | 3 | 30 | 7 | 37 | 30 | 1 | 19 | 19 | 18 | | | 1 | | 18 |
| 4 | Ledyard, Bethany, A. A. Depping | 140 | 8 | 1 | | 9 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 7 | | 147 | 61 | 208 | 147 | 2 | 65 | 65 | 25 | 25 | | 5 | | 102 |
| 5 | Marengo, St. Paul's, John Schlamp | 69 | 2 | 4 | | 6 | 1 | | | 1 | 5 | | 74 | 14 | 88 | 69 | 3 | 86 | 57 | 22 | | | 3 | 2 | 28 |
| 6 | " Zion, John Schlamp | 165 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | | | | | 5 | | 170 | 53 | 223 | 150 | 3 | 289 | 125 | 18 | | | 4 | | 86 |
| 7 | " St. John's, John Schlamp (Supply) | 26 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 25 | 3 | 28 | | 3 | 75 | 25 | 18 | | | | | 12 |
| 8 | Melbourne, St. John's, John R. Seidler | 156 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 4 | | | 4 | 6 | | 162 | 41 | 203 | 124 | 2 | 191 | 120 | 42 | 12 | | 7 | 2 | 124 |
| 9 | Monticello, Evangelical-Reformed, A. H. Tendick | 241 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 10 | | | 241 | 97 | 338 | 219 | 4 | 484 | 186 | 61 | 11 | | 15 | 1 | 104 |
| 10 | Newton, Zoar, Peter Schild | 85 | 15 | | | 15 | 1 | | 13 | 14 | 1 | | 86 | 28 | 114 | 86 | 1 | 75 | 75 | | | | 3 | 1 | 69 |
| 11 | Odebolt, Salem, S. Elliker, Jr. (Supply) | 77 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 76 | 44 | 120 | 60 | 2 | 96 | 55 | 33 | | | 3 | | 53 |
| 12 | Schaller, Emanuel, Otto J. Engelmann | 125 | 7 | | | 7 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 1 | | 126 | 50 | 176 | 82 | 3 | 162 | 108 | 35 | 10 | | 4 | 1 | 67 |
| 13 | Wheatland, St. Paul's, A. C. Fischer | 490 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 4 | | 494 | 109 | 603 | 423 | 2 | 421 | 324 | 52 | 8 | | 17 | 2 | 200 |
| | | 2075 | 59 | 18 | 9 | 86 | 24 | 21 | 21 | 66 | 32 | 12 | 2095 | 653 | 2748 | 1777 | 32 | 2637 | 1499 | 412 | 95 | | 77 | 9 | 1112 |

## Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

| | Debt Reduction | Interest on Debt | Current Expenses Exclusive of the Two Preceding Entries | Contingent Fund of Classis or District; Synod or Gen. Synod | Total Congregational Expenses | Amount of Budget or Apportionment | Paid on Budget or Apportionment | Special Gifts (Designations) toward the Budget or Appor'm't | Other Denominational Benevolences | Benevolences Outside the Denomination | Total Benevolences | Value of New Buildings Erected This Year | Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate | Present Value of Parsonage | Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2270.00 | | 4481.00 | 79.00 | 6830.00 | $ 1032.00 | $ 911.00 | $ 170.00 | $ 119.00 | $ 298.00 | 1498.00 | | 35500.00 | 3500.00 | |
| 2 | 42.00 | | 2122.00 | 61.00 | 2225.00 | 798.00 | 569.00 | | 137.00 | 31.00 | 737.00 | | 15000.00 | 4000.00 | |
| 3 | | | 134.00 | 10.00 | 144.00 | 129.00 | 18.00 | | | 7.00 | 25.00 | | 3000.00 | | |
| 4 | | | 872.00 | 44.00 | 916.00 | 547.00 | | 260.00 | | | 260.00 | | 2000.00 | 2500.00 | |
| 5 | | | 766.00 | 21.00 | 787.00 | 270.00 | 86.00 | | | | 86.00 | | 2500.00 | 5000.00 | |
| 6 | 118.00 | | 672.00 | 49.00 | 839.00 | 645.00 | 56.00 | | 53.00 | | 109.00 | | 2500.00 | | 30.00 |
| 7 | | | 120.00 | 10.00 | 130.00 | 102.00 | 5.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | | 16.00 | | 1000.00 | 1000.00 | |
| 8 | | | 1577.00 | 47.00 | 1624.00 | 610.00 | 449.00 | 103.00 | 14.00 | 22.00 | 588.00 | | 3950.00 | 4000.00 | |
| 9 | 54.00 | 13.00 | 2324.00 | 72.00 | 2463.00 | 942.00 | 84.00 | 31.00 | 70.00 | 10.00 | 195.00 | | 6000.00 | 4000.00 | 162.00 |
| 10 | | | 660.00 | 23.00 | 683.00 | 342.00 | 74.00 | | | | 74.00 | | 2000.00 | 2000.00 | |
| 11 | | | 317.00 | 23.00 | 340.00 | 301.00 | 32.00 | 500.00 | 22.00 | 20.00 | 574.00 | | 2000.00 | 2000.00 | |
| 12 | | | 1020.00 | 38.00 | 1058.00 | 489.00 | 124.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 | 5.00 | 159.00 | | 6000.00 | 2000.00 | |
| 13 | | | 2728.00 | 147.00 | 2875.00 | 1915.00 | 493.00 | 212.00 | 31.00 | 161.00 | 897.00 | | 12000.00 | 5000.00 | |
| | $2484.00 | $ 13.00 | $17793.00 | $ 624.00 | $20914.00 | $ 8122.00 | $ 2901.00 | $1297.00 | $ 466.00 | $ 554.00 | $ 5218.00 | | $ 92950.00 | $ 35000.00 | $ 192.00 |

## South Dakota Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

| | LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR | Communicant Members Reported Last Year | Members Gained a) By Confirmation | b) By Transfer | c) By Ren'al of Conf'n | Total Gains | Members Lost a) By Death | b) By Transfer | c) By Erasure | Total Losses | Net Gain | Net Loss | Present Communicant Membership | Baptized But Not Confirmed Members | Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership | Members Supporting the Church Financially | Communion Services | Total Number of Participants during Year | Members Who Communed at least Once in Year | English Services | German Services | Hungarian Services | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Total Sunday Church School Enrollment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Alpena, S. D., Ebenezer, William Korn | 78 | | 5 | 5 | 10 | | 6 | 3 | 9 | 1 | | 79 | 24 | 103 | 77 | 2 | 110 | 50 | | 18 | | 2 | | 40 |
| 2 | " Frieden's, William Korn | 48 | | | | | | 7 | | 7 | | 7 | 41 | 24 | 65 | 41 | 1 | 38 | 38 | 1 | 9 | | | | 29 |
| 3 | " Salem, William Korn | 16 | | | 7 | 7 | | | | | 7 | | 23 | 18 | 41 | 23 | 1 | 21 | 21 | | 8 | | 6 | | 13 |
| 4 | " Hoffnung, William Korn | 25 | | | | | | | | | | | 25 | 31 | 56 | 21 | 1 | 15 | 15 | | 14 | | | | 31 |
| 5 | Delmont, Bethany (Vacant) | 48 | 4 | 2 | | 6 | | 6 | | 6 | | | 48 | 33 | 81 | 48 | 3 | 96 | 48 | | 60 | | | | 36 |

## Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

| | Debt Reduction | Interest on Debt | Current Expenses Exclusive of the Two Preceding Entries | Contingent Fund of Classis or District; Synod or Gen. Synod | Total Congregational Expenses | Amount of Budget or Apportionment | Paid on Budget or Apportionment | Special Gifts (Designations) toward the Budget or Appor'm't | Other Denominational Benevolences | Benevolences Outside the Denomination | Total Benevolences | Value of New Buildings Erected This Year | Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate | Present Value of Parsonage | Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | 310.33 | 31.20 | 341.53 | 304.98 | 95.32 | | | 5.00 | 100.32 | | 2000.00 | 3000.00 | |
| 2 | | | 191.89 | 19.20 | 211.09 | 187.68 | 40.93 | | | | 40.93 | | 2000.00 | | |
| 3 | | | 79.60 | 6.40 | 86.00 | 62.56 | 15.01 | | | | 15.01 | | 1500.00 | | |
| 4 | | | 92.60 | 10.00 | 102.60 | 97.75 | 17.16 | | | | 17.16 | | 200.00 | | |
| 5 | | | 595.00 | 19.20 | 614.20 | 187.68 | 74.23 | | 3.45 | | 77.68 | | 1500.00 | 4000.00 | |

## Sheboygan Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

MEMBERSHIP AND GROWTH OF CONGREGATION

| No. | Location—Name of Church—Pastor | Communicant Members Reported Last Year | Members Gained a) By Confirmation | b) By Transfer | c) By Ren'al of Conf'n | Total Gains | Members Lost a) By Death | b) By Transfer | c) By Erasure | Total Losses | Net Gain | Net Loss | Present Communicant Membership | Baptized but Not Confirmed Members | Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership | Members Supporting the Church Financially | Communion Services | Total Number of Participants | Members Who Communed at least Once in Year | English Services | German Services | Hungarian Services | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Total Sunday Church School Enrollment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Black River Falls, Immanuel, V. D. Weidler | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | 10 | 20 | 30 | 10 | 2 | 20 | 10 | | 9 | | | | |
| 2 | Black Wolf, Reformed, W. H. Oelrich | 102 | | | | | | | 4 | 4 | | 4 | 98 | 26 | 124 | 85 | 2 | 67 | 41 | 52 | | | 1 | | 55 |
| 3 | Branch (Manitowoc), Bethany, G. O. Wernecke | 52 | 3 | | | 3 | 2 | 3 | | 5 | | 2 | 50 | 16 | 66 | 36 | 2 | 49 | 28 | 28 | | | 1 | | 22 |
| 4 | Centerville, St. John-Ebenezer, E. P. Nuss | 108 | 2 | | | 2 | 5 | | | 5 | | 3 | 105 | 48 | 153 | 105 | 3 | 157 | 95 | 18 | 52 | | 3 | | 49 |
| 5 | Chilton, Ebenezer, Edmond L. Hennig | 372 | | 2 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | | 374 | 111 | 485 | 320 | 4 | 820 | 306 | 60 | 12 | | 5 | | 192 |
| 6 | Colby, Immanuel, S. A. Schmiechen | 55 | 5 | | | 5 | | | 9 | 9 | | 4 | 51 | 12 | 63 | 28 | 4 | 54 | 54 | 42 | 42 | | 6 | | 31 |
| 7 | Curtis, Peace, S. A. Schmiechen | 80 | 9 | | 3 | 12 | | | | | 12 | | 92 | 29 | 121 | 62 | 2 | 52 | 52 | 44 | 13 | | 2 | 1 | 26 |
| 8 | Dale, Zion, V. O. Grosshuesch | 141 | 4 | | 3 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | | 143 | 48 | 191 | 143 | 2 | 197 | 137 | 57 | | | 3 | 1 | 50 |
| 9 | Elmore, Reformed, Caleb Hauser | 71 | 3 | | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 72 | 9 | 81 | 70 | 4 | 93 | 56 | 28 | 28 | | | | 26 |
| 10 | Elkhart Lake, Trinity, F. J. Lowenbergh | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Fremont, Hope, V. O. Grosshuesch | 136 | 3 | | 6 | 9 | 1 | | | 1 | 8 | | 144 | 38 | 182 | 134 | 2 | 176 | 131 | 56 | | | 2 | | 39 |
| 12 | Green Bay, First Reformed, Emil Buehrer | 133 | 5 | | | 5 | | 5 | 5 | 10 | | 5 | 128 | 34 | 162 | | 3 | | 77 | 72 | | | 3 | | 53 |
| 13 | Greenwood City, Zion, Erwin G. Pfeiffer | 69 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | 67 | 12 | 79 | 50 | 3 | 120 | 60 | 45 | 10 | | 6 | | 25 |
| 14 | Greenwood, R. R., Immanuel, P. H. Franzmeier | 221 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 2 | | 6 | 8 | 2 | | 223 | 77 | 300 | 190 | 4 | 216 | 168 | 43 | 36 | | 8 | | 97 |
| 15 | Herman Town I., Immanuel, C. L. Schmidt | 303 | | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 3 | | 7 | | 5 | 298 | 95 | 393 | 288 | 2 | 239 | 208 | 12 | 38 | | 3 | | 95 |
| 16 | Herman Town II., Bethel, Wm. Bollmann | 192 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 | | 2 | 190 | 63 | 253 | 150 | 2 | 160 | 160 | 15 | 40 | | 5 | | 64 |
| 17 | Hoard Town, Bethany, P. H. Franzmeier | 25 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 24 | | 24 | | 2 | 27 | 15 | 20 | | | 2 | | 26 |
| 18 | Humbird, St. John's, V. D. Weidler | 103 | | | 6 | 6 | 1 | | | 1 | 5 | | 108 | 28 | 136 | 95 | 4 | 176 | 84 | 52 | 12 | | 13 | 5 | 75 |
| 19 | Indian Mission, Winnebago, Benj. Stucki | 82 | 4 | 2 | | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | | 84 | | 84 | | 4 | 180 | 60 | 49 | | *55 | 9 | 1 | 161 |
| 20 | Kaukauna, Immanuel, John Scheib | 424 | 14 | 6 | 15 | 35 | 11 | 3 | 12 | 26 | 9 | | 433 | 165 | 598 | 410 | 4 | 662 | 318 | 62 | | | 14 | 1 | 185 |
| 21 | Kiel, St. Peter, Edw. L. Worthman | 579 | 24 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 18 | 9 | | 588 | 217 | 805 | 588 | 4 | 912 | 542 | 58 | 58 | | 15 | | 300 |
| 22 | Kohler, Grace, A. R. Achtemeier | 179 | | 8 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 16 | 31 | 50 | | 39 | 140 | 63 | 213 | 140 | 5 | 485 | 142 | 68 | | | 3 | 1 | 145 |
| 23 | Longwood Town, Salem, Erwin G. Pfeiffer | 70 | 6 | | | 6 | 2 | | 4 | 6 | | | 70 | 22 | 92 | 66 | 3 | 100 | 55 | 50 | 8 | | 3 | | 20 |
| 24 | Manitowoc, First Reformed, G. O. Wernecke | 473 | 22 | 10 | 17 | 49 | 7 | 7 | 17 | 31 | 18 | | 491 | 176 | 667 | 439 | 4 | 821 | 388 | 65 | 24 | | 17 | 4 | 147 |
| 25 | Mosel Town, St. Paul, Wm. C. Beckmann | 71 | 3 | 4 | | 7 | | | 1 | 1 | 6 | | 77 | 20 | 97 | 49 | 4 | | | 16 | 36 | | 2 | | 24 |
| 26 | Neillsville, Zion Reformed, W. M. Bixler | 156 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 14 | | | 3 | 3 | 11 | | 167 | 35 | 202 | 88 | 4 | 118 | 95 | 57 | | | 3 | 1 | 78 |
| 27 | Newton, Salem-Ebenezer, Robert Klaudt | 211 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 20 | | 10 | 201 | 52 | 253 | 198 | 3 | 247 | 162 | 30 | 45 | | 3 | | 50 |
| 28 | New Holstein, St. John, A. Geo. Schmid | 240 | 7 | | 2 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 15 | | 6 | 234 | 41 | 275 | 225 | 3 | 295 | 168 | 51 | 13 | | 4 | 1 | 136 |
| 29 | Oshkosh, First Reformed, W. H. Oelrich | 125 | | 2 | 2 | 4 | | | 4 | 4 | | | 125 | 31 | 156 | 102 | 2 | 90 | 37 | 56 | | | 1 | | 57 |
| 30 | Plymouth, Salem, Herm. G. Schmid | 502 | 20 | 2 | 8 | 30 | 14 | 3 | 20 | 37 | | 7 | 495 | 112 | 607 | 441 | 6 | 501 | 403 | 57 | 54 | | 11 | | 212 |
| 31 | Porterfield, First Reformed, F. P. Franke | 98 | | | | | | | | | | | 98 | 45 | 143 | 90 | 3 | 60 | 50 | 60 | | | 4 | | 30 |
| 32 | Potter, Peace, Julius C. Rosenau | 210 | 2 | | | 2 | 3 | | | 3 | | 1 | 209 | 81 | 301 | 209 | 6 | 333 | 189 | 30 | 32 | | 5 | | 88 |
| 33 | Rhine, Zoar, Otto J. F. Saewert | 81 | 5 | | | 5 | | | | | 5 | | 86 | 17 | 103 | 86 | 2 | 65 | 65 | 10 | 23 | | 5 | | 17 |
| 34 | Schleswig Town, Bethlehem, Aug. E. Hammann | 121 | | | | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | | 6 | 115 | 33 | 148 | 109 | 2 | 130 | 110 | 8 | 58 | | 1 | | 37 |
| 35 | Sheboygan, Zion, E. H. Wessler | 780 | 22 | 15 | 7 | 44 | 10 | 3 | 27 | 40 | 4 | | 784 | 141 | 925 | 723 | 4 | 1566 | 691 | 71 | 62 | | 20 | 2 | 402 |
| 36 | Ebenezer, Elmer C. Jaberg | 437 | 24 | 3 | 28 | 55 | 3 | 7 | 28 | 38 | 17 | | 454 | | 454 | 426 | 3 | 738 | 346 | 66 | 52 | | 7 | | 228 |
| 37 | Sheboygan, St. Paul's, C. O. Schroer | 255 | 15 | 4 | 22 | 41 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 24 | 17 | | 272 | 95 | 367 | 230 | 4 | 529 | 239 | 84 | | | 16 | 5 | 242 |
| 38 | Sheboygan Falls I, Saron, H. T. Vriesen | 345 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 16 | | 7 | 338 | 110 | 448 | 325 | 4 | 270 | 250 | 18 | 44 | | 6 | | 76 |
| 39 | Sheboygan Falls II, Salem, Otto A. Menke | 153 | 6 | | 4 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 15 | | 5 | 148 | 41 | 189 | 146 | 3 | 173 | 113 | 39 | 32 | | 5 | | 29 |
| 40 | Stratford, Ebenezer, Theophil Blaufuss | 161 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 3 | | 5 | 2 | | 163 | 83 | 246 | 150 | 3 | 238 | 157 | 29 | 23 | | 6 | | 91 |
| 41 | Wausau, First Reformed, Otto R. Gerber | 420 | 8 | | 17 | 25 | 6 | 2 | 16 | 24 | 1 | | 421 | 160 | 581 | 385 | 3 | 394 | 248 | 61 | 40 | | 4 | 1 | 184 |
| | | 8346 | 246 | 75 | 164 | 458 | 111 | 97 | 253 | 461 | 133 | 109 | 8370 | 2406 | 10797 | 7391 | 130 | 11535 | 6510 | 1739 | 896 | *55 | 227 | 24 | 3864 |

* Winnebago Indian Language

## Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

| No. | Location—Name of Church—Pastor | Congregational Expenses: Debt Reduction | Interest on Debt | Current Expenses Exclusive of the Two Preceding Entries | Contingent Fund of Classis or District; Synod or Gen. Synod | Total Congregational Expenses | Amount of Budget or Apportionment | Benevolences: Paid on Budget or Apportionment | Special Gifts (Designations) toward the Budget or Appor'm't | Other Denominational Benevolences | Benevolences Outside the Denomination | Total Benevolences | Property of Congregation: Value of New Buildings Erected This Year | Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate | Present Value of Parsonage | Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Black River Falls, Immanuel, V. D. Weidler | $ | $ | $ 62.50 | $ 3.50 | $ 66.00 | $ 42.10 | $ 11.50 | $ | $ | $ | $ 11.50 | $ | $ 1500.00 | $ | $ |
| 2 | Black Wolf, Reformed, W. H. Oelrich | | | 714.30 | 35.70 | 750.00 | 429.42 | 124.08 | | 11.11 | 16.35 | 151.54 | | 4500.00 | | |
| 3 | Branch (Manitowoc), Bethany, G. O. Wernecke | | | 202.87 | 18.20 | 221.07 | 218.92 | 33.07 | | 57.65 | | 90.72 | | 1000.00 | | |
| 4 | Centerville, St. John-Ebenezer, E. P. Nuss | | | 1341.13 | 37.80 | 1378.93 | 454.68 | 286.01 | | | | 286.01 | | 5000.00 | 3000.00 | |
| 5 | Chilton, Ebenezer, Edmond L. Hennig | 737.00 | 58.00 | 1764.00 | 130.20 | 2689.20 | 1566.00 | 589.10 | | 662.80 | 60.14 | 1312.04 | 325.00 | 17000.00 | 5000.00 | 1238.00 |
| 6 | Colby, Immanuel, S. A. Schmiechen | | | 320.00 | 13.75 | 333.75 | 231.55 | 61.60 | | | 11.00 | 72.60 | | 4000.00 | 3500.00 | |
| 7 | Curtis, Peace, S. A. Schmiechen | | | 374.00 | 20.00 | 394.00 | 336.80 | 43.96 | | | | 43.96 | | 3500.00 | | |
| 8 | Dale, Zion, V. O. Grosshuesch | | | 1076.76 | 49.35 | 1126.11 | 593.61 | 221.57 | | 298.29 | 46.59 | 566.45 | | 1500.00 | 1800.00 | |
| 9 | Elmore, Reformed, Caleb Hauser | | | 780.11 | 24.85 | 804.96 | 298.91 | 140.72 | 43.80 | | | 184.52 | | 3000.00 | 2500.00 | |
| 10 | Elkhart Lake, Trinity, F. J. Lowenbergh | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Fremont, Hope, V. O. Grosshuesch | | | 1129.00 | 47.60 | 1176.60 | 572.56 | 150.00 | | 69.75 | 64.81 | 284.56 | | 2500.00 | 3000.00 | |
| 12 | Green Bay, First Reformed, Emil Buehrer | | 30.00 | 1085.99 | | 1115.99 | 559.93 | 24.65 | | | | 24.65 | | 5000.00 | 5000.00 | 700.00 |
| 13 | Greenwood City, Zion, Erwin G. Pfeiffer | | | 650.00 | 24.50 | 674.50 | 290.49 | 150.00 | | | | 150.00 | | 4000.00 | 5000.00 | |
| 14 | Greenwood, R. R., Immanuel, P. H. Franzmeier | | 5.00 | 1667.65 | 77.35 | 1750.00 | 930.41 | 402.68 | | 11.20 | 173.28 | 587.16 | | 9000.00 | 3000.00 | |
| 15 | Herman Town I., Immanuel, C. L. Schmidt | | | 2952.90 | 106.05 | 3058.95 | 1275.63 | 1135.58 | 20.00 | 18.35 | | 1173.93 | | 30000.00 | 7000.00 | |
| 16 | Herman Town II., Bethel, Wm. Bollmann | | | 1557.77 | 67.20 | 1624.97 | 808.32 | 460.45 | | | 85.00 | 545.45 | | 6000.00 | 2500.00 | |
| 17 | Hoard Town, Bethany, P. H. Franzmeier | | | 149.50 | 8.75 | 1158.25 | 105.25 | 55.10 | | 22.00 | | 77.10 | | 1200.00 | | |
| 18 | Humbird, St. John's, V. D. Weidler | 82.00 | 1.00 | 816.38 | 36.05 | 935.48 | 433.36 | 60.00 | | 18.00 | | 78.00 | | 4500.00 | 2500.00 | |
| 19 | Indian Mission, Winnebago, Benj. Stucki | | | 96.11 | 28.70 | 124.81 | 345.22 | 411.38 | 65.53 | 136.80 | 122.27 | 735.98 | | 1500.00 | 3500.00 | |
| 20 | Kaukauna, Immanuel, John Scheib | | | 2546.12 | 148.40 | 2694.52 | 785.04 | 902.19 | | | 41.39 | 943.58 | | 18000.00 | 3500.00 | |
| 21 | Kiel, St. Peter, Edw. L. Worthman | | | 3820.53 | 202.65 | 4023.18 | 2437.59 | 1800.42 | | | 52.00 | 1852.42 | 65000.00 | 70000.00 | 8000.00 | 37000.00 |
| 22 | Kohler, Grace, A. R. Achtemeier | 475.00 | | 2038.48 | 62.65 | 2576.13 | 753.59 | 635.49 | 59.00 | 69.43 | 28.58 | 792.50 | | 38000.00 | 7000.00 | 23625.00 |
| 23 | Longwood Town, Salem, Erwin G. Pfeiffer | | | 347.00 | 24.50 | 371.50 | 294.70 | 100.00 | | | 30.50 | 130.50 | | 3000.00 | | |
| 24 | Manitowoc, First Reformed, G. O. Wernecke | | | 3252.67 | 165.55 | 3418.22 | 1991.33 | 731.09 | | 259.50 | | 990.59 | | 20000.00 | 6000.00 | |
| 25 | Mosel Town, St. Paul, Wm. C. Beckmann | | | 494.57 | 24.85 | 519.42 | 298.91 | 134.05 | | | 11.00 | 145.05 | | 3000.00 | | |
| 26 | Neillsville, Zion Reformed, W. M. Bixler | | | 1420.41 | | 1420.41 | 551.51 | | 70.63 | 30.00 | | 100.63 | | 3500.00 | 3500.00 | |
| 27 | Newton, Salem-Ebenezer, Robert Klaudt | | | 2004.92 | 73.85 | 2078.77 | 888.31 | 681.74 | | 67.55 | 54.00 | 803.29 | | 7000.00 | 4000.00 | |
| 28 | New Holstein, St. John, A. Geo. Schmid | | 47.50 | 1983.68 | 84.00 | 2115.18 | 1010.40 | 411.88 | | 254.64 | 41.85 | 708.37 | | 25000.00 | 5000.00 | 900.00 |
| 29 | Oshkosh, First Reformed, W. H. Oelrich | | | 818.82 | 43.75 | 862.57 | 526.25 | 290.00 | | 51.00 | 43.03 | 384.03 | | 4500.00 | 3000.00 | |
| 30 | Plymouth, Salem, Herm. G. Schmid | | | 3454.62 | 175.70 | 3630.32 | 2113.42 | 866.62 | 96.00 | 304.38 | 153.10 | 1420.10 | | 15000.00 | 5000.00 | 1055.64 |
| 31 | Porterfield, First Reformed, F. P. Franke | 100.00 | | 524.00 | 31.45 | 655.45 | 383.11 | 64.37 | 31.85 | 7.06 | | 103.28 | | 10000.00 | 5000.00 | 15000.00 |
| 32 | Potter, Peace, Julius C. Rosenau | | | 2847.50 | 73.50 | 2921.00 | 884.10 | 884.23 | | 445.50 | 95.50 | 1425.23 | | 15000.00 | 2500.00 | |
| 33 | Rhine, Zoar, Otto J. F. Saewert | | | 605.00 | 28.35 | 633.35 | 341.01 | 93.00 | | | 34.00 | 127.00 | | 2000.00 | | |
| 34 | Schleswig Town, Bethlehem, Aug. E. Hammann | | | 1469.86 | 42.35 | 1512.21 | 509.41 | 290.00 | | | 82.50 | 372.50 | 448.73 | 10000.00 | 3000.00 | |
| 35 | Sheboygan, Zion, E. H. Wessler | | 155.00 | 6914.61 | 273.00 | 7342.61 | 3283.80 | 3285.00 | | 1002.67 | 211.33 | 4499.00 | | 50000.00 | 7000.00 | 2500.00 |
| 36 | Ebenezer, Elmer C. Jaberg | 205.00 | 817.00 | 4131.00 | 200.50 | 5353.50 | 1839.77 | 122.57 | 26.48 | 174.45 | 102.00 | 425.50 | | 35000.00 | 5000.00 | 28430.00 |
| 37 | Sheboygan, St. Paul's, C. O. Schroer | 400.00 | 144.00 | 2418.00 | 89.00 | 3051.00 | 1073.55 | 237.00 | | 513.00 | 83.00 | 833.00 | | 21400.00 | 10800.00 | 15200.00 |
| 38 | Sheboygan Falls I, Saron, H. T. Vriesen | | | 1954.74 | 120.75 | 2075.49 | 1452.45 | 648.18 | | 405.72 | 131.05 | 1184.95 | | 15000.00 | 5000.00 | |
| 39 | Sheboygan Falls II, Salem, Otto A. Menke | | 28.75 | 1682.37 | 53.55 | 1764.67 | 644.13 | 146.90 | | 65.29 | 10.00 | 222.19 | | 12000.00 | 3000.00 | 15000.00 |
| 40 | Stratford, Ebenezer, Theophil Blaufuss | 100.00 | 13.25 | 1016.98 | 56.36 | 1186.58 | 677.81 | 180.00 | | 21.12 | | 201.12 | | 6000.00 | 3000.00 | 200.00 |
| 41 | Wausau, First Reformed, Otto R. Gerber | 1000.00 | 759.74 | 2169.17 | 147.00 | 4075.91 | 1768.20 | 225.95 | 34.66 | 12.00 | 72.56 | 345.17 | | 40000.00 | 4000.00 | 14335.00 |
| | | $3099.00 | $2059.24 | $64656.02 | $2851.25 | $72665.51 | $35001.55 | $17092.13 | $ 447.95 | $4989.26 | $1856.83 | $24386.17 | $65773.73 | $528100.00 | $140600.00 | $155183.64 |

Rev. Paul Grosshuesch, D.D., President of the Mission House; Prof. K. J. Ernst, D.D., Ph.D.; Prof. J. Bauer, Ph.D., Prof. A. Grether, A.M.; Prof. J. W. Grosshuesch, Ph.D., Prof. Em. K. F. Hagemeyer, Ph.D.; Prof. E. G. Krampe, D.D., Director for Christian Education; Emeriti: Revs. A. C. Plappert, John Gatermann, John M. Bauer, C. F. Dahn; Revs. John Siegel, Carl G. Schmahl and Alfred W. Klumb are serving congregations in Evangelical Districts. Licentiates: John Verhage, D. Decorah, Alvin Stacy and John Heinbuch, Jr.

## Milwaukee Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

| No. | Location—Name of Church—Pastor | Communicant Members Reported Last Year | Members Gained a) By Confirmation | b) By Transfer | c) By Ren'al of Conf'n | Total Gains | Members Lost a) By Death | b) By Transfer | c) By Erasure | Total Losses | Net Gain | Net Loss | Present Communicant Membership | Baptized but Not Confirmed Members | Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership | Members Supporting the Church Financially | Communion Services | Total Number of Participants | Members Who Communed at least Once in Year | English Services | German Services | Hungarian Services | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Total Sunday Church School Enrollment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Albany, Wis., Zwingli, C. Flueckinger | 42 | 4 | | | 4 | | | 4 | 4 | | | 42 | 14 | 56 | 26 | 2 | 90 | 44 | 24 | | | 2 | | 20 |
| 2 | Barneveld, Zwingli, H. Lehman | 74 | 4 | | | 4 | 1 | | 3 | 4 | | | 74 | 35 | 109 | 74 | 2 | 74 | 74 | 25 | 25 | | | | 44 |
| 3 | Belleville, First, C. Flueckinger | 185 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 19 | | | 185 | 73 | 258 | 118 | 2 | 194 | 100 | 54 | | | 15 | | 110 |
| 4 | Campbellsport, Campbellsport, John Mohr | 209 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 16 | | 6 | 203 | 96 | 299 | 163 | 4 | 370 | 168 | 65 | 2 | | 4 | | 96 |
| 5 | Dane, Immanuel, C. M. Zenk | 129 | 6 | | 4 | 10 | 1 | | 9 | 10 | | | 129 | 32 | 161 | 115 | 2 | 202 | 112 | 32 | | | 1 | | 67 |
| 6 | Fillmore, Fillmore, P. A. Olm | 94 | | | | | | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 91 | 26 | 117 | 86 | 4 | 172 | 69 | 30 | 20 | | 4 | | [illegible] |
| 7 | Harrisburg, Harrisburg, Frank Settlage | 53 | | | | | | 2 | 5 | 7 | | 7 | 46 | 15 | 61 | 46 | 4 | 125 | 40 | 49 | | | 1 | | 53 |
| 8 | Jackson, Frieden's, Theo. Schildknecht | 103 | | | 7 | 7 | | | | | 7 | | 110 | 56 | 166 | 110 | 3 | 45 | 120 | 2 | 2 | | | | 59 |
| 9 | Lowell, First, Louis A. Moser | 168 | 6 | 2 | | 8 | 3 | | | 3 | 5 | | 173 | 57 | 230 | 136 | 4 | 294 | 154 | 52 | | | 2 | | 47 |
| 10 | Madison, Memorial, C. M. Zenk | 252 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 19 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 19 | | | 252 | 63 | 315 | 206 | 4 | 493 | 219 | 54 | | | 4 | | 163 |
| 11 | Milwaukee, Grace, Henry C. Nott | 471 | 15 | 6 | | 21 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 15 | | 486 | 147 | 633 | 391 | 4 | 725 | | 63 | | | 20 | 1 | 393 |
| 12 | ” Immanuel, F. W. Knatz | 270 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 23 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 18 | 5 | | 275 | 57 | 332 | 260 | 4 | 499 | 229 | 62 | | | 3 | 2 | 199 |
| 13 | Monticello, Zwingli, A. Muehlmeier | 416 | 25 | | 14 | 39 | 8 | 3 | 20 | 33 | 6 | | 422 | 220 | 642 | 250 | 3 | 500 | 250 | 39 | 13 | | 5 | 1 | 316 |
| 14 | Mt. Vernon, Zwingli, H. Lehman | 150 | | | | | | | | | | | 150 | 90 | 240 | 150 | 2 | 225 | 125 | 28 | 7 | | 10 | | 125 |
| 15 | New Berlin, First Ev., F. Heilert | 87 | 1 | | | 1 | | | 16 | 16 | | 15 | 72 | 8 | 80 | 29 | 2 | 73 | 45 | 1 | | | 1 | | 12 |
| 16 | New Glarus, Swiss Reformed, R. Rettig | 854 | 36 | 2 | | 38 | 10 | 2 | 19 | 31 | 7 | | 861 | 265 | 1126 | 825 | 3 | 925 | 480 | 52 | 15 | | 30 | | 399 |
| 17 | Paoli, Zwingli, C. Flueckinger | 56 | | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | | 2 | | | 56 | 37 | 93 | 38 | 2 | 130 | 50 | 24 | | | 3 | | 61 |
| 18 | Pewaukee, Salem, H. G. Settlage | 69 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 1 | | 3 | 4 | 6 | | 75 | 18 | 93 | 59 | 2 | | 70 | 31 | | | 1 | | 47 |
| 19 | Prairie du Sac, Prairie du Sac, Frank Settlage | 92 | 5 | 2 | | 7 | | 2 | | 2 | 5 | | 97 | 35 | 132 | 90 | 4 | 127 | 51 | 52 | | | 4 | | 62 |
| 20 | Reeseville, First, R. P. Kuentzel | 183 | | 3 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 | | 1 | 182 | 59 | 241 | 170 | 3 | 268 | | 59 | 13 | | 2 | | 91 |
| 21 | ” Second, R. P. Kuentzel | 72 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 72 | 17 | 89 | 64 | 3 | 178 | | 59 | | | 2 | | 17 |
| 22 | Sauk City, First, George Grether | 287 | 10 | 10 | | 20 | 9 | 5 | | 14 | 6 | | 293 | 93 | 386 | 230 | 3 | 390 | 225 | 51 | 12 | | 4 | | 170 |
| 23 | Tw. Washington, Reformation, A. Muehlmeier | 100 | | | | | 2 | | | 2 | | 2 | 98 | 47 | 145 | 97 | 3 | 65 | 65 | 24 | 12 | | 4 | | 25 |
| 24 | Verona, Salem, H. Lehman | 92 | 15 | | | 15 | 2 | | 13 | 15 | | | 92 | 60 | 152 | 92 | 2 | 150 | 85 | 52 | | | 7 | | 114 |
| 25 | Watertown, Zoar, A. H. Achtermann (Supply) | 134 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 3 | | | 3 | 21 | | 155 | 70 | 225 | 133 | 4 | 288 | 114 | 63 | 5 | | 6 | 2 | 92 |
| 26 | Waubeka, Community, P. A. Olm | 94 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 16 | | | 8 | 8 | 8 | | 102 | 40 | 142 | 95 | 4 | 216 | 81 | 59 | | | 1 | | 63 |
| 27 | Waukesha, First, H. G. Settlage | 673 | 13 | 2 | 6 | 21 | 18 | 2 | 6 | 26 | | 5 | 668 | 155 | 823 | 653 | 4 | 686 | 553 | 63 | 12 | | 7 | | 374 |
| 28 | Wayne, Salem, A. A. Graf | 225 | 5 | | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | | 227 | 52 | 279 | 227 | 4 | 197 | 147 | 30 | 30 | | 2 | | 49 |
| 29 | West Bend, Immanuel, W. E. Huber | 441 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 23 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 17 | 6 | | 447 | 105 | 552 | 411 | 8 | 652 | 372 | 55 | 56 | | 17 | | 172 |
| | | 6075 | 202 | 57 | 97 | 365 | 77 | 50 | 169 | 296 | 99 | 39 | 6135 | 2042 | 8177 | 5344 | 95 | 8353 | 4072 | 1254 | 224 | | 162 | 6 | 3469 |

## Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

| No. | Location—Name of Church—Pastor | Congregational Expenses: Debt Reduction | Interest on Debt | Current Expenses Exclusive of the Two Preceding Entries | Contingent Fund of Classis or District; Synod or Gen. Synod | Total Congregational Expenses | Amount of Budget or Apportionment | Benevolences: Paid on Budget or Apportionment | Special Gifts (Designations) toward the Budget or Appor'm't | Other Denominational Benevolences | Benevolences Outside the Denomination | Total Benevolences | Property of Congregation: Value of New Buildings Erected This Year | Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate | Present Value of Parsonage | Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Albany, Wis., Zwingli, C. Flueckinger | | | 320.00 | 12.00 | 332.00 | | 60.00 | | | | 60.00 | | | | |
| 2 | Barneveld, Zwingli, H. Lehman | | | 750.00 | | 750.00 | | 75.00 | 35.00 | | 15.00 | 125.00 | | | | |
| 3 | Belleville, First, C. Flueckinger | 300.00 | 54.00 | 1506.00 | 63.00 | 1923.00 | | 104.00 | | | | 104.00 | 250.00 | 29000.00 | 2500.00 | 7200.00 |
| 4 | Campbellsport, Campbellsport, John Mohr | 175.00 | 13.00 | 1714.00 | 63.00 | 1965.00 | 817.00 | 375.00 | | 74.00 | 8.00 | 457.00 | | 10000.00 | 2500.00 | |
| 5 | Dane, Immanuel, C. M. Zenk | | | 845.00 | 29.00 | 874.00 | 504.00 | 128.00 | | 29.00 | 12.00 | 169.00 | | 5800.00 | | |
| 6 | Fillmore, Fillmore, P. A. Olm | | | 847.00 | 59.00 | 906.00 | | 42.00 | | 120.00 | | 162.00 | | 4000.00 | | |
| 7 | Harrisburg, Harrisburg, Frank Settlage | | | 420.00 | 15.00 | 435.00 | 200.00 | 75.00 | | | | 75.00 | | 2500.00 | | |
| 8 | Jackson, Frieden's, Theo. Schildknecht | 500.00 | 76.00 | 1135.00 | 32.00 | 1743.00 | 1200.00 | 1200.00 | | | | 1200.00 | | 10000.00 | 4000.00 | 1900.00 |
| 9 | Lowell, First, Louis A. Moser | | | 1314.00 | 43.00 | 1357.00 | | 45.00 | | 4.00 | | 49.00 | | 3800.00 | 3000.00 | |
| 10 | Madison, Memorial, C. M. Zenk | 600.00 | 730.00 | 2509.00 | 60.00 | 3899.00 | 982.00 | 254.00 | | 209.... | 19.00 | 482.00 | | 48000.00 | 7500.00 | 35550.00 |
| 11 | Milwaukee, Grace, Henry C. Nott | | | 5790.00 | 141.00 | 5931.00 | 1842.00 | 1993.00 | | 1631.00 | 71.00 | 3695.00 | | 50000.00 | 8000.00 | |
| 12 | ” Immanuel, F. W. Knatz | 500.00 | 123.00 | 4324.00 | 76.00 | 5023.00 | 1056.00 | 942.00 | 139.00 | 60.00 | 31.00 | 1172.00 | | 45000.00 | 7000.00 | 7300.00 |
| 13 | Monticello, Zwingli, A. Muehlmeier | 5450.00 | | 2069.00 | 116.00 | 7635.00 | 1615.00 | 1028.00 | | 349.00 | 33.00 | 1410.00 | 9000.00 | 25000.00 | 5000.00 | 3500.00 |
| 14 | Mt. Vernon, Zwingli, H. Lehman | 100.00 | | 800.00 | 45.00 | 945.00 | | 150.00 | | 10.00 | 15.00 | 175.00 | | 3000.00 | 3000.00 | 400.00 |
| 15 | New Berlin, First Ev., F. Heilert | | | 1318.00 | | 1318.00 | | 39.00 | | | | 39.00 | | 2500.00 | 1500.00 | |
| 16 | New Glarus, Swiss Reformed, R. Rettig | | | 5685.00 | 205.00 | 5890.00 | 3339.00 | 1685.00 | | 598.00 | 213.00 | 2496.00 | | 50000.00 | 6000.00 | |
| 17 | Paoli, Zwingli, C. Flueckinger | | | 356.00 | 36.00 | 392.00 | | 36.00 | | | | 36.00 | | 3000.00 | | |
| 18 | Pewaukee, Salem, H. G. Settlage | | | 373.00 | 19.00 | 392.00 | 270.00 | 116.00 | | 179.00 | | 295.00 | | 8000.00 | | |
| 19 | Prairie du Sac, Prairie du Sac, Frank Settlage | | | 700.00 | 26.00 | 726.00 | | | | | | | | 2000.00 | 2000.00 | |
| 20 | Reeseville, First, R. P. Kuentzel | | 250.00 | 1415.00 | 52.00 | 1717.00 | | 290.00 | 35.00 | 30.00 | 20.00 | 375.00 | | 20000.00 | 4000.00 | 5000.00 |
| 21 | ” Second, R. P. Kuentzel | | | 731.00 | 20.00 | 751.00 | | 181.00 | | 10.00 | 5.00 | 196.00 | | 4000.00 | | |
| 22 | Sauk City, First, George Grether | 300.00 | 11.00 | 3676.00 | 80.00 | 4067.00 | 1160.00 | 400.00 | | 23.00 | 110.00 | 533.00 | | 42000.00 | 3000.00 | 650.00 |
| 23 | Tw. Washington, Reformation, A. Muehlmeier | | | 450.00 | 28.00 | 478.00 | | 446.00 | | | | 446.00 | | 2500.00 | | |
| 24 | Verona, Salem, H. Lehman | 100.00 | | 800.00 | 25.00 | 925.00 | | 75.00 | | 45.00 | 10.00 | 130.00 | | 3000.00 | 3000.00 | 400.00 |
| 25 | Watertown, Zoar, A. H. Achtermann (Supply) | | | 3425.00 | 32.00 | 3457.00 | 524.00 | 144.00 | | 17.00 | | 161.00 | | 10000.00 | 3500.00 | |
| 26 | Waubeka, Community, P. A. Olm | | | 1053.00 | 32.00 | 1085.00 | | 33.00 | | 120.00 | | 153.00 | | 5000.00 | | 400.00 |
| 27 | Waukesha, First, H. G. Settlage | | | 4096.00 | 162.00 | 4258.00 | 2631.00 | 2003.00 | | 534.00 | 40.00 | 2577.00 | | 50000.00 | 5000.00 | |
| 28 | Wayne, Salem, A. A. Graf | | | 1666.00 | 63.00 | 1741.00 | 889.00 | 443.00 | 125.00 | | 37.00 | 605.00 | | 12000.00 | 4000.00 | 350.00 |
| 29 | West Bend, Immanuel, W. E. Huber | 300.00 | 245.00 | 2666.00 | 123.00 | 3334.00 | 1741.00 | 453.00 | | 39.00 | 40.00 | 532.00 | | 30000.00 | 3200.00 | 5830.00 |
| | | $8325.00 | $1514.00 | $52753.00 | $1657.00 | $64249.00 | $18770.00 | $12815.00 | $ 334.00 | $4081.00 | $ 679.00 | $17909.00 | $ 9250.00 | $471100.00 | $ 77700.00 | $ 68480.00 |

Rev. A. Muehlmeier, Em.; Rev. Rueben Huenemann serving independent congregation; Rev. T. P. Bolliger, D.D., Superintendent for Home Missions; Prof. J. Friedli, D.D.; Rev. F. W. Lemke, Em.; Rev. C. Ruppert, Em.; Rev. W. T. Grosshuesch, without charge; Rev. R. Bach, Chaplain in Army; Rev. W. C. Lehmann, Professor in Syracuse, N. Y.

## Statistical Summary of the Synod of the Northwest

### Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

MEMBERSHIP AND GROWTH OF CONGREGATION

| | | Communicant Members Reported Last Year | Members Gained a) By Confirmation | b) By Certificate | c) By Ren'l of Confes'n | Total Gains | Members Lost a) By Death | b) By Transfer | c) By Erasure | Total Losses | Net Gain | Net Loss | Present Communicant Membership | Baptized but Not Confirmed Members | Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership | Members Supporting the Church Financially | Communion Services | Total No. of Participants during Year | Members Who Communed at least Once in Year | English Services | German Services | Hungarian Services | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Total Sunday Church School Enrollment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Sheboygan | 8346 | 246 | 75 | 164 | 485 | 111 | 97 | 253 | 461 | 133 | 109 | 8370 | 2406 | 10797 | 7391 | 130 | 11535 | 6510 | 1739 | 896 | *55 | 227 | 24 | 3864 |
| 2 | Milwaukee | 6075 | 202 | 57 | 97 | 356 | 77 | 50 | 169 | 296 | 99 | 39 | 6135 | 2042 | 8177 | 5344 | 95 | 8353 | 4072 | 1254 | 224 | ...... | 162 | 6 | 3469 |
| 3 | Minnesota | 3307 | 120 | 27 | 56 | 203 | 35 | 15 | 65 | 111 | 123 | 31 | 3399 | 1199 | 4598 | 3049 | 66 | 4334 | 2713 | 689 | 293 | ...... | 114 | 8 | 2061 |
| 4 | Nebraska | 928 | 43 | 4 | 13 | 60 | 10 | 7 | 20 | 37 | 41 | 18 | 951 | 324 | 28 | 694 | 30 | 1320 | 688 | 249 | 101 | ...... | 15 | 1 | 609 |
| 5 | Ursinus | 2075 | 59 | 18 | 9 | 86 | 24 | 21 | 21 | 66 | 32 | 12 | 2095 | 653 | 2748 | 1777 | 32 | 2637 | 1499 | 412 | 95 | ...... | 77 | 9 | 1112 |
| 6 | South Dakota | 2035 | 70 | 28 | 35 | 133 | 16 | 84 | 70 | 170 | 32 | 69 | 1998 | 867 | 2866 | 1613 | 63 | 3012 | 1838 | 67 | 924 | ...... | 66 | 1 | 1142 |
| 7 | Portland-Oregon | 951 | 35 | 20 | 22 | 77 | 15 | 25 | 15 | 55 | 38 | 16 | 973 | 331 | 1303 | 642 | 32 | 1655 | 687 | 458 | 133 | ...... | 18 | 7 | 655 |
| 8 | West Canada | 1051 | 59 | 8 | 7 | 74 | 7 | 21 | 20 | 48 | 38 | 12 | 1077 | 526 | 1593 | 857 | 30 | 1259 | 818 | 54 | 395 | ...... | 38 | 4 | 523 |
| 9 | Eureka | 1903 | 70 | 21 | 44 | 135 | 13 | 65 | 42 | 120 | 82 | 67 | 1918 | 915 | 2547 | 1419 | 51 | 1832 | 1116 | 29 | 513 | ...... | 60 | 2 | 811 |
| 10 | California | 664 | 15 | 20 | 41 | 76 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 44 | 48 | 16 | 696 | 262 | 913 | 628 | 30 | 1496 | 554 | 177 | 132 | 57 | 24 | 18 | 667 |
| | | 27335 | 919 | 278 | 488 | 1685 | 315 | 390 | 703 | 1408 | 666 | 389 | 27612 | 9525 | 36570 | 23414 | 559 | 37433 | 20495 | 5128 | 3706 | 57 | 801 | 80 | 14913 |

* Winnebago Indian

### Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

| | | CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES | | | | | | BENEVOLENCES | | | | | PROPERTY OF CONGREGATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Debt Reduction | Interest on Debt | Current Expenses Exclusive of the Two Preceding Entries | Contingent Funds of Classis or District; Synod & Gen'l Synod | Total Congregational Expenses | Amount of Budget or Apportionment | Paid on Budget or Apportionment | Special Gifts (Designations) toward Budget or Apportionment | Other Denominational Benevolences | Benevolences Outside the Denomination | Total Benevolences | Value of New Buildings Erected this Year | Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate | Present Value of Parsonage | Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property |
| 1 | Sheboygan | 3099.00 | 2059.24 | 64656.02 | 2851.25 | 72665.51 | 35001.55 | 17092.13 | 447.95 | 4989.26 | 1856.83 | 24386.17 | 65773.73 | 528100.00 | 140600.00 | 155183.64 |
| 2 | Milwaukee | 8325.00 | 1514.00 | 52753.00 | 1657.00 | 64249.00 | 18770.00 | 12815.00 | 334.00 | 4081.00 | 679.00 | 17909.00 | 9250.00 | 471100.00 | 77700.00 | 68480.00 |
| 3 | Minnesota | 4349.86 | 684.50 | 34641.48 | 902.40 | 40578.24 | 12787.43 | 6216.89 | ............ | 197.58 | 269.26 | 6683.73 | 15083.88 | 233500.00 | 67800.00 | 24964.00 |
| 4 | Nebraska | 290.00 | 23.20 | 7503.30 | 262.50 | 8079.00 | 3071.76 | 1488.30 | ............ | 96.50 | 34.25 | 1619.05 | ............ | 39000.00 | 19500.00 | ............ |
| 5 | Ursinus | 2484.00 | 13.00 | 17793.00 | 624.00 | 20914.00 | 8122.00 | 2901.00 | 1297.00 | 466.00 | 554.00 | 5218.00 | ............ | 92950.00 | 35000.00 | 192.00 |
| 6 | South Dakota | ............ | 80.00 | 12155.25 | 824.00 | 13059.25 | 7984.27 | 2282.46 | ............ | 253.30 | 126.30 | 2662.06 | ............ | 46100.00 | 30700.00 | 2400.00 |
| 7 | Portland-Oregon | 300.00 | ............ | 11486.54 | 237.75 | 12024.29 | 3617.44 | 2030.25 | ............ | 311.87 | 1068.07 | 3410.19 | ............ | 119700.00 | 34500.00 | 14700.00 |
| 8 | West Canada | 222.59 | 22.91 | 6849.89 | 356.75 | 7452.14 | 1916.05 | 1099.38 | 35.50 | 106.38 | 216.72 | 1457.98 | ............ | 42800.00 | 18500.00 | 947.55 |
| 9 | Eureka | ............ | 120.00 | 9530.57 | 607.90 | 10258.47 | ............ | 1111.64 | 132.90 | 157.00 | 40.00 | 1441.54 | ............ | 40150.00 | 30000.00 | 645.00 |
| 10 | California | 1083.50 | 607.56 | 13881.28 | 265.60 | 15837.94 | 2497.24 | 1376.69 | 25.00 | 479.50 | 125.00 | 2006.19 | ............ | 182500.00 | 7500.00 | 27646.47 |
| | | 20153.95 | 5124.41 | 231250.33 | 8589.15 | 265117.84 | 93767.74 | 48413.74 | 2272.35 | 11138.39 | 4969.43 | 66793.91 | 90107.61 | 1795900.00 | 461800.00 | 295158.66 |

### Table C—On Christian Education and Lay Member Organizations

| | | Has Congregation S. S.? | Cradle Roll | | Beginners | | Primary | | Junior | | Intermediate | | Senior | | Young People | | Adult | | Home Exten. | | Totals | | | Average Total Attendance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Pupils | Teachers and Officers | Pupils | Teachers and Officers | Pupils | Teachers and Officers | Pupils | Teachers and Officers | Pupils | Teachers and Officers | Pupils | Teachers and Officers | Pupils | Teachers and Officers | Pupils | Teachers and Officers | Pupils | Teachers and Officers | Classes | Pupils | Teachers and Officers | |
| 1 | Sheboygan | 39 | 459 | 16 | 328 | 43 | 612 | 74 | 691 | 73 | 698 | 79 | 310 | 37 | 147 | 9 | 112 | 10 | 17 | ...... | 299 | 3490 | 369 | 2065 |
| 2 | Milwaukee | 29 | 369 | 15 | 278 | 30 | 504 | 53 | 561 | 53 | 466 | 51 | 315 | 32 | 335 | 10 | 262 | 15 | 25 | ...... | 256 | 3213 | 272 | 1878 |
| 3 | Minnesota | 18 | 197 | 6 | 146 | 17 | 282 | 28 | 246 | 27 | 246 | 23 | 171 | 13 | 79 | 6 | 451 | 9 | 120 | ...... | 112 | 1930 | 131 | 1206 |
| 4 | Nebraska | 10 | 33 | 3 | 72 | 9 | 66 | 10 | 56 | 8 | 57 | 8 | 65 | 7 | 54 | 6 | 214 | 13 | ...... | ...... | 45 | 564 | 58 | 386 |
| 5 | Ursinus | 13 | 107 | 7 | 94 | 14 | 112 | 14 | 138 | 18 | 106 | 13 | 102 | 11 | 124 | 12 | 222 | 12 | ...... | ...... | 89 | 1005 | 107 | 557 |
| 6 | South Dakota | 26 | 41 | ...... | 70 | 7 | 162 | 24 | 130 | 15 | 224 | 24 | 125 | 10 | 252 | 19 | 45 | 3 | ...... | ...... | 102 | 1059 | 102 | 876 |
| 7 | Portland-Oregon | 9 | 53 | 6 | 51 | 3 | 89 | 6 | 101 | 12 | 86 | 4 | 77 | 3 | 55 | 3 | 11 | 4 | ...... | ...... | 34 | 638 | 55 | 261 |
| 8 | West Canada | 12 | 17 | ...... | 24 | 1 | 69 | 5 | 58 | 3 | 48 | 4 | 57 | 6 | 15 | 1 | 47 | 1 | ...... | ...... | 26 | 502 | 22 | 205 |
| 9 | Eureka | 37 | ........ | ...... | ........ | ...... | 139 | 13 | 67 | 5 | 66 | 3 | 117 | 8 | ........ | ...... | 15 | ...... | ...... | ...... | 30 | 363 | 34 | 406 |
| 10 | California | 8 | 11 | 2 | 57 | 8 | 99 | 11 | 116 | 14 | 121 | 14 | 97 | 11 | 27 | 3 | 76 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 62 | 613 | 67 | 480 |
| | | 201 | 1287 | 55 | 1120 | 132 | 2134 | 238 | 2164 | 228 | 2118 | 223 | 1436 | 138 | 1088 | 69 | 1455 | 71 | 173 | 1 | 1055 | 13650 | 1217 | 8320 |

| | | Contributions | | | Confirmation Classes Enrollm't | Weekday Ch. School Enrollm't | Vacation Ch. School Enrollm't | Leadership Training | | | | | | Workers' Conferences | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | Local Ch. | | C'munity | | Summer Schools | Conf., or Camps | | |
| | | Educational Work of Board of Christian Education | Other Benevolences | Support of Local School | | | | Classes | Students | Schools | Students | Number Attended | Total Number of Students | Sessions Per Year | Average Attendance |
| 1 | Sheboygan | 196.24 | 1059.55 | 3499 | 612 | 174 | 800 | 4 | 31 | ........ | 38 | .............. | 32 | 93 | 139 |
| 2 | Milwaukee | 242.00 | 1076.00 | 2819 | 317 | 81 | 224 | 2 | 15 | ........ | 12 | 30 | .............. | 39 | 38 |
| 3 | Minnesota | 48.54 | 286.25 | 202 | 222 | 54 | 443 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 13 | 2 | 27 | 8 | 20 |
| 4 | Nebraska | 21.81 | 60.50 | 356 | 71 | .......... | 126 | ...... | ........ | ........ | ........ | .............. | .............. | 7 | 16 |
| 5 | Ursinus | 46.00 | 215.00 | 1069 | 105 | .......... | 165 | 2 | 35 | ........ | 5 | 2 | 8 | 21 | 88 |
| 6 | South Dakota | .............. | 7.00 | 88 | 172 | 129 | 264 | ...... | ........ | ........ | ........ | .............. | .............. | ........ | .......... |
| 7 | Portland-Oregon | 71.50 | 335.39 | 691 | 38 | 18 | 29 | 1 | 15 | ........ | ........ | .............. | 2 | 6 | 5 |
| 8 | West Canada | 10.00 | 18.32 | 169 | 60 | 68 | 99 | ...... | ........ | ........ | ........ | .............. | .............. | ........ | .......... |
| 9 | Eureka | .............. | 55.00 | .......... | 47 | 59 | 34 | ...... | ........ | ........ | ........ | .............. | .............. | ........ | .......... |
| 10 | California | 3.00 | 330.45 | 655 | 31 | .......... | 19 | ...... | 42 | ........ | 1 | .............. | .............. | 4 | 6 |
| | | 639.09 | 3443.46 | 9548 | 1675 | 583 | 2203 | 10 | 149 | 2 | 69 | 34 | 69 | 178 | 312 |

### Table D—On Lay Member Organizations

| | | Men's Work | | | | | Women's Work | | | | | Youth Work | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Organizations | Total Enrollment All Organizations | Total Contributions A. For Missions and Benevolences | B. For Congregation | C. For Organization Expenses | Number of Organizations | Total Enrollment All Organizations | Total Contributions A. For Missions and Benevolences | B. For Congregation | C. For Organization Expenses | Number of Organizations | Total Enrollment All Organizations | Total Contributions A. For Missions and Benevolences | B. For Congregation | C. For Organization Expenses |
| 1 | Sheboygan | 17 | 764 | 443.20 | 795.52 | 981.53 | 52 | 1459 | 2629.47 | 9043.30 | 2201.06 | 26 | 483 | 174.79 | 156.66 | 435.86 |
| 2 | Milwaukee | 8 | 398 | 225.00 | 474.00 | 436.00 | 48 | 1777 | 3409.00 | 4795.00 | 1585.00 | 37 | 749 | 275.00 | 273.00 | 419.00 |
| 3 | Minnesota | 3 | 92 | 20.00 | 60.00 | 10.00 | 22 | 618 | 286.00 | 4086.14 | 580.99 | 12 | 256 | 30.00 | 240.41 | 55.00 |
| 4 | Nebraska | ...... | ........ | ............ | .......... | .......... | 7 | 142 | 190.70 | 315.50 | 74.66 | 4. | 79 | 6.00 | 5.00 | 40.98 |
| 5 | Ursinus | 1 | 38 | 5.00 | .......... | 12.00 | 16 | 454 | 567.00 | 912.00 | 353.00 | 9 | 199 | 44.00 | 129.00 | 198.00 |
| 6 | South Dakota | ...... | ........ | ............ | .......... | .......... | 1 | 42 | ............ | ............ | .......... | ...... | ........ | ............ | .......... | .......... |
| 7 | Portland-Oregon | 2 | 32 | 5.00 | 61.00 | 10.00 | 10 | 314 | 504.34 | 456.10 | 392.55 | 6 | 121. | 35.21 | 86.00 | 28.80 |
| 8 | West Canada | ...... | ........ | ............ | .......... | .......... | 6 | 147 | 20.00 | 738.11 | 110.00 | 7 | 114 | 5.00 | 50.00 | 14.00 |
| 9 | Eureka | ...... | ........ | ............ | .......... | .......... | ...... | ........ | ............ | ............ | .......... | ...... | ........ | ............ | .......... | .......... |
| 10 | California | 1 | 12 | 50.00 | 30.00 | .......... | 7 | 168 | 263.85 | 1254.64 | 422.21 | 8 | 147 | 15.00 | 127.00 | 200.81 |
| | | 32 | 1336 | 748.20 | 1420.52 | 1449.53 | 169 | 5121 | 7870.36 | 21600.79 | 5719.47 | 109 | 2148 | 585.00 | 1067.07 | 1392.45 |





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TO THE

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of the Reformed Church in the United States

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## 1937 - 1938

**Order of Business and Program**

of the

**Synod of the Northwest**

Alleman, Iowa

September 6-11, 1938

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 7:30 P.M.:

I. Opening service, Rev. F. W. Knatz, President of Synod, Primarius; Rev. Ed. Wessler, Vice-President, Secundus.

II. Organization of Synod:

a. Opening of business session.
b. Report of registration.
c. Election of President and Vice-President.
d. Adoption of order of business and announcements.

Wednesday, Sept. 7:

8:30 A.M. Devotion and preparation for Lord's Supper: Rev. R. Klaudt, Primarius; Rev. O. Menke, Secundus.

9:00-11:30 A.M. Business session:
1. Report of Registration.
2. Reading of Minutes.

III. Completing of the Organization:

a. Designation of the Bar of the House.
b. Election of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

IV. Appointment of Committees.

V. Presentation of Blue Book and other Documents.

VI. Report of Officers:

1. Report of the President (State of the Church) and short memorial service.
2. a. Report of the Stated Clerk.
   b. Report of the Treasurer.
   c. Report of the Executive Committee.
   d. Report of the Committee on Archives.

VII. Statement of the Executive Committee of General Synod, Rev. L. W. Goebel, D.D., President of General Synod.

VIII. Report of Committees:

1. Minutes of Synods:
   a. General Synod.
   b. Synod of the Northwest.
2. Committee on Overtures.

11:30 A.M. to 2 P.M. Noon recess.

2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Business Session.
1. Lecture assigned by Synod: Rev. H. T. Vriesen, 1 hour.
2. Addresses of representatives of various Boards.
3. Committee on Overtures, Continuation.

8:00 P.M. Service: "Indian Missions." Rev. B. Stucki, Primarius; Rev. F. Stucki, Secundus.

Thursday, Sept. 8:

8:30. Morning Devotion and Celebration of the Lord's Supper: Rev. L. A. Moser, Primarius; Rev. C. Flueckinger, Secundus.

9:30 to 11:30 A.M. Business Session:
1. Report of Registration and Reading of Minutes.
2. Committee on Overtures, Continuation.
3. Report on Classes.

11:30 A.M. to 2 P.M. Noon Recess.
1. Conference on Education, 1 hour.
2. Report of Committee on Nominations.
3. Report, Religious Services.
4. Report, Student Aid: Rev. Ed. Worthman.
5. Report, Institutions of Learning.

8:00 P.M. Service. Christian Education: Rev. Ed. Wessler, D.D., Primarius; Rev. John Scheib, Secundus.

Friday, Sept. 9:

8:30 A.M. Morning Devotion: Rev. A. Kurtz, D.D., Primarius; Rev. W. Korn, Secundus.

IX. Business Session: 9:00-11:30 A.M.
1. Report of Registration and Reading of Minutes.
2. Election of Board members.
3. Report on Traveling Expenses.
4. Report on Christian Education.
5. Report on Missions and Church Erection Fund.

11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Noon Recess.

2:00-5:30 P.M. Business Session.
1. Conference on Stewardship, 1 hour.
2. Report on Benevolent Institutions.
3. Report on Ministerial Relief.
4. Report on Publication and Central Publishing House.

8:00 P.M. Service, Foreign Missions: Rev. Theoph. Hilgeman, Missionary on furlough, Primarius; Rev. Dr. Casselman, Secundus.

Saturday, Sept. 10:

8:30 A.M. Morning Devotion: Rev. O. J. Vriesen, Primarius; Rev. H. Burkett, Secundus.

9:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M. Business Session.
1. Report on Registration and Reading of Minutes.
2. Report, Result of Election.
3. Report on Stewardship.
4. Report on Finances and Election of Treasurer.
5. Report on Evangelism.
6. Report on Men's League.
7. Report on Woman's Missionary Society.

11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Noon Recess.

1:30 P.M. Adjournment, Business Session:
1. Report of Special Committees.
2. Unfinished Reports of Standing Committees.
   a. Advisory members.
   b. Excuses.
   c. Press.

X. Miscellaneous.

1. Report on Resolutions.
2. Time and place of next meeting.
3. Other resolutions.
4. Other unfinished business.

XI. Adjournment:

1. Reading of Minutes.
2. Last Registration.
3. Adoption of Minutes.
4. Adjournment.

Sunday, Sept. 11:

60th Anniversary of Reformed Alleman Congregation and Mission Festival:

10 A.M. Sunday-school: Adult Department: Rev. George Grether, Primarius; Rev. G. Wernecke, Secundus.

Intermediate Department: Rev. Ed. DeBuhr, Primarius; Rev. Calvin Grosshuesch, Secundus.

11:00 A.M. Service: Prof. K. J. Ernst, D.D., Primarius; Prof. J. Friedli, Secundus.

3:00 P.M. Service: Rev. P. Kohler, Primarius; Rev. Ed. Worthman, Secundus.

## Exhibit I

# THE MISSION HOUSE

### Annual Report of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of the Mission House

To the Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors we wish herewith to submit our annual report of the Mission House.

With gratitude to God who has guided us through the seventy-fifth year, we look confidently to the future, expecting greater achievements for the school in the larger field of a united church. The seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the school was fittingly celebrated in many congregations on the campus. The special thank-offering from the Church amounted to $26,000.00. The immediate community of the Mission House, realizing the value of an institution of higher learning, wishes to show its appreciation by erecting a "Community Building" on the campus. The campaign for this new building was launched through the influence of a few business men and thus far netted the sum of $17,000. The celebration has made the community Mission House-minded, and we hope its observance will have a wholesome effect in the development of the institution and in the furtherance of Christian education. Two Synods, the Mid-West and the Northwest, held their annual meetings on the grounds. An alumnus of the school has donated the sum of $30,000 which is to be used to erect a chapel. The realization of this building is the answer to a desire often expressed. It will tend to preserve the character of the institution in that it will more than ever make it a "Mission House."

This school year began with sixty members in the College freshman class, six additions in the seminary, and twelve additions in the Academy.

The social life of the students is cared for greatly by the Zeta Chi and Mu Lamba Sigma fraternities, and the Independents—those students who are not members of either fraternity. There is also a Co-ed group. Each student is affiliated with one or the other group, so that socially our students are all on the same level, with a real democratic spirit prevailing throughout.

New members were added to the Faculty. Rev. E. Fledderjohn of Chicago, from the bounds of the Mid-West Synod, now occupies the chair of Practical Theology and is doing his work very effectively. Rev. Herman Ley of Cincinnati came to us from the Ohio Synod to fill the newly-created position of Dean of Men on our Faculty. He began his work with the school year. His position as teacher of Bible affords him personal contact with the students. Living in the Dormitory gives the Dean an opportunity to deal with disciplinary problems as they arise. Associated with him is Mrs. B. Jenkin, who is the Dean of Women. She, however, continues her activity as the Housemother and satisfactorily provides for

the physical wants of the students. Coach Marinus Kregel who came to us from the Reformed Church in America, is a son of the Rev. J. H. Kregel of Alto, Wisconsin. Having been reared in a Reformed Church Parsonage and having received his education in a Denomination College gives him added qualities to meet our needs. Success in various athletic activities proves Mr. Kregel's coaching ability.

Our new seminary catalog is now ready for distribution. President Paul Grosshuesch and the other seminary professors have been kept very busy. Besides being engaged frequently in preaching and lecturing, they taught their classes as listed in the schedule. Individual attention to the students was cheerfully given. This, too, can be said of our college and academy professors. Preparations have been made for a Theological Convocation to be held July 11 to 15. Professors Ernst, Friedli, and Hessert will each conduct four Seminars on problems confronting the church and the theologian today. President Grosshuesch will give the opening address. The evening platform meetings will be conducted by Dr. Douglas Horton, Prof. Ernst Fledderjohn, and other outstanding speakers.

Tentative changes and additions to the new catalog have been advised by the Curriculum Committee. We hereby list them: a two-year pre-commerce course, a one-year pre-engineering course, Quantitative Analysis, a more complete course in Public Education, and courses in the Coaching of Basketball, Football, and Baseball. In some of these courses the student may major. For further information we refer you to the college catalog.

The Academy is a valuable asset to the school in that it affords the Seminarians an opportunity to practise and to apply methods in religious education.

Campus life is well ordered and organized. The Campus Club, consisting of the Faculty members and their wives, is vitally interested in the up-keep and the beautifying of the grounds. This organization acts as a leaven for the promotion of the Christian social life among the entire Mission House family.

The financial statement for the current year is herewith submitted. Expenses exceeded those of last year by several thousand. The Board aims to keep the buildings of the school, the dwellings of the professors and the physical equipment in good order. If the apportionment allotted to our institution would be forthcoming from the participating Synods, some very necessary improvements could be made and greater advancement would be shown. May we ask Synod of the Northwest to contribute the sum of $1.00 per member for the ensuing year?

The term of office of Edmond De Buhr as a member of the Board expires.

May the Lord bless the efforts of our Church in the field of Christian education is the wish and prayer of

Your humble servants,

The Board of Trustees,
E. L. WORTHMAN, Chairman

The Board of Visitors,
EDMOND DEBUHR, Chairman

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that the accompanying balance sheet and statement of income and expense, in my opinion, correctly sets forth the financial condition of the Board of the Mission House of the Reformed Church on April 30, 1938, and the results of the transactions for the period reviewed.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) WESLEY W. JUNG

**The Board of the Mission House**
**of the Reformed Church in the United States**

Balance Sheet of April 30, 1938

ASSETS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Current* | | | |
| Cash | | | |
| On hand | $ 525.92 | | |
| In Banks | | | |
| General fund checking acct. | 1,846.36 | | |
| Annivers'y fund check'g acct. | 275.65 | | |
| Savings Acct. No. 25,962 | 51.92 | | |
| Savings Acct. No. 26,361 | 5,303.84 | $ 8,003.69 | |
| Notes receivable | | 6,050.00 | |
| Book Stores | | 2,761.43 | |
| Live Stock | | 1,167.65 | |
| Marketable securities at cost | | 42,366.33 | $ 60,349.10 |

*Non-Current*

| | *Gross Value* | *Reserve for Depreciation* | *Net Value* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Land | $ 7,283.00 | -0- | $ 7,283.00 | |
| Campus Improvem'ts | 2,153.59 | -0- | 2,153.59 | |
| Buildings | 337,984.14 | $152,962.55 | 185,021.59 | |
| Equipment | 59,882.92 | 23,955.22 | 35,927.70 | |
| | | | | 230,385.88 |
| | 407,303.65 | 179,917.77 | | |
| Unexpired insurance | | | | 1,179.41 |
| Accrued interest receivable | | | | 1,553.02 |
| Prepaid expense | | | | 255.49 |
| *Total Assets* | | | | $293,722.90 |

EQUITIES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Current Liabilities* | | |
| Unsecured notes payable to individuals | $ 9,796.30 | |
| Accrued interest payable | 192.46 | |
| Banks | -0- | 9,988.76 |

*Accountabilities*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alumni Fund | 706.48 | |
| Anniversary Fund | 9,756.59 | |
| Annuity Fund | 4,100.00 | |
| Central Synod Prize Fund | 500.00 | |
| Chapel-Library Fund | 2,629.72 | |
| Community Campaign Fund | 8,416.35 | |
| Eastern Synod Fund | 1,812.93 | |
| Exegesis Fund | 140.98 | |
| Milioration Fund | 250.02 | |
| Music Fund | 5,669.16 | |
| Practical Theology Fund | 11,927.24 | |
| Professors' Fund | 81,934.83 | |
| Professor Wentz Fund | 500.00 | |
| Special Contract, Stadtlaender | 660.60 | |
| Twenty Thousand Dollar Fund | 14,810.85 | |
| Sub-total | 143,815.75 | |
| Unclassified funds | 139,918.79 | 283,734.14 |
| *Total Equities* | | 293,722.90 |

## Statement of Income and Expense

*Income*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Farm income | $ 1,294.76 | |
| Income from various persons | 228.50 | |
| Income from various sources | 1,413.68 | |
| Income from meals | 1,196.77 | |
| Interest received | 2,070.48 | |
| Laundry income | 428.00 | |
| Miscellaneous income | 190.91 | |
| Ohio Synod | 7,365.37 | |
| School Money | 34,332.61 | |
| Synod of the East | 1,793.00 | |
| Synod of the Mid-West | 4,108.61 | |
| Synod of the Northwest | 7,709.43 | |
| Transportation income | 365.69 | 62,497.81 |

*Expense*

| | |
|---|---|
| Advertising | $ 1,074.49 |
| Athletic department | 859.62 |
| Campus expense | 153.25 |
| Coal expense | 3,315.96 |
| College building expense | 54.55 |
| Dormitory supplies and expense | 189.44 |
| Dwellings expense | 371.99 |
| Electric light and heat | 1,134.22 |
| Engine room expense | 476.05 |
| Farm expense | 754.85 |
| Freight and express | 48.40 |
| Garage and auto expense | 1,420.56 |
| General expense | 1,093.63 |
| Gymnasium expense | 121.34 |
| Girls' Dormitory supplies and expense | 45.70 |
| Interest paid | 2,109.80 |
| Insurance expense | 1,611.97 |
| Kitchen supplies | 417.60 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Laboratory supplies and expense | 1,015.54 | |
| Laundry expense | 163.62 | |
| Library supplies and expense | 53.73 | |
| Office supplies and expense | 366.81 | |
| Provisions | 9,937.47 | |
| Postage | 354.80 | |
| Salaries | 30,603.86 | |
| School expense | 713.04 | |
| Student payroll | 1,493.89 | |
| Travel | 902.27 | |
| Telephone and telegraph | 83.24 | |
| Wages | 4,763.80 | 65,705.49 |
| *Deficit* | | 3,207.68 |

BOND SCHEDULE

| *Issue* | *Maturity* | *Par* |
|---|---|---|
| Bethlehem Steel Corp. Consolidates mortgage 30 years, Sinking fund, Series E | 10-1-66 | $1,000.00 |
| do | 10-1-66 | 1,000.00 |
| Canadian National Railways, Equipment Trust, Series K | 5-1-44 | 1,000.00 |
| do | 5-1-44 | 1,000.00 |
| Pacific Gas & Electric, First & Refunding Mortgage, Series H | 12-1-61 | 1,000.00 |
| do | 12-1-61 | 1,000.00 |
| First Presbyterian Church of Kiel, First Mortgage bonds | 5-1-41 | 1,000.00 |
| do | 5-1-41 | 1,000.00 |
| U. S. Treasury bond | 12-15-49 | 5,000.00 |
| City of Manitowoc, Wis., School Bond | 1-1-41 | 500.00 |
| Central Illinois Electric & Gas Co., First and Refunding Mortgage bond | 2-1-51 | 1,000.00 |
| Massachusetts Investors Trust Certificate | | 100.00 |
| South Western Light & Power Co., First Mortgage Gold bonds, Series A | 2-1-57 | 2,000.00 |
| Commonwealth Subsidiary Corp., Gold Debenture Series A | 9-1-48 | 1,000.00 |
| New York Central R. R. Co. Refunding and Improvement Mortgage bond, Series A | 10-1-03 | 1,000.00 |
| Ohio Edison Co., First Mortgage | 1-1-72 | 1,000.00 |
| do | 1-1-72 | 1,000.00 |
| Pennsylvania R. R. Co. Equipment Trust, Series F | 7-15-43 | 1,000.00 |
| Southern California Edison. First and refunding gold bond, Series M | 1960 | 1,000.00 |
| do | 1960 | 1,000.00 |
| General Motors Acceptance Corp. Ten Year debenture | 8-1-46 | 1,000.00 |
| do | 8-15-46 | 1,000.00 |
| Government of the Dominion of Canada. Ten year Bond | 8-15-46 | 1,000.00 |
| do | 8-15-46 | 1,000.00 |
| Home Owner's Loan Corp. Series B | 8-1-49 | 1,000.00 |
| do | 8-1-49 | 1,000.00 |
| Illinois Central Railroad Equipment Trust, Series Q | 8-1-41 | 1,000.00 |
| do | 8-1-41 | 1,000.00 |

| *Issue* | *Maturity* | *Par* |
|---|---|---|
| Northern States Power Co. First & Refunding mortgage | 2-1-67 | 1,000.00 |
| do | 2-1-67 | 1,000.00 |
| Railway Express Agency, Special Gold Bond, Series A | 3-1-43 | 1,000.00 |
| Canadian Pacific Railway Co. | 3-15-42 | 1,000.00 |
| Commercial Credit Co. | 6-15-42 | 1,000.00 |
| do | 6-15-42 | 1,000.00 |
| Lehigh Valley Terminal Railroad Co. | 10-1-41 | 1,000.00 |
| | | $40,100.00 |

## Anniversary Fund

## Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

### July 1, 1936 to April 30, 1938

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Receipts* | | |
| Gifts | $22,742.90 | |
| Interest on savings | 62.17 | |
| Annuity bonds | 3,500.00 | |
| Accounts receivable—Mission House | 870.70 | |
| Interest on bonds | 137.50 | $27,313.27 |
| *Disbursements* | | |
| Annuity bonds | 3,500.00 | |
| Accounts receivable—Mission House | 870.00 | |
| Mission House College | 700.00 | |
| Traveling Expense | 305.92 | |
| Envelopes | 581.26 | |
| Office Supplies | 2.05 | |
| Postage & Freight | 48.39 | |
| Printing | 542.05 | |
| Deposit box rental | 2.20 | |
| Collection expense | 4.11 | 6,556.68 |
| *Balance on hand on April* 30, 1938 | | |
| Citizens State Bank | 8,303.84 | |
| Savings account No. 26,361 | 5,303.84 | |
| Checking account | 275.65 | |
| Notes Receivable | | |
| Board of the Mission House | 11,000.00 | |
| Bonds | 4,177.10 | 20,756.59 |

## Exhibit II

# HOME MISSIONS

## Annual Report of the Department of the Northwest, Board of Home Missions

of the Reformed Church in the United States (Evangelical and Reformed Church) to the Ohio Synod, the Synod of the Mid-West and the Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST: In submitting our annual report for 1937, we acknowledge with both deep humility and gratitude the kindly care and guidance of God our heavenly Father and our divine Master.

It is His work and we believe the Master when He says, "Without me ye can do nothing." We are merely instruments, tools which he uses in building His Kingdom here in this sinful world.

The Christian ministry is a high and an honorable calling, but there are also great responsibilities connected with it. May He endow us with the necessary wisdom, strength and courage to meet them at all times.

### The Personnel

of our Department of the Northwest consists of the Revs. E. A. Kielsmeier, R. J. Schroer and John Gieser of the Ohio Synod; Revs. E. N. Evans, D.D., C. A. Schmid, and Elder H. C. Young of the Synod of the Mid-West; the Revs. E. H. Vornholt, P. Grosshuesch, D.D., and A. Geo. Schmid of the Synod of the Northwest. The Rev. T. P. Bolliger, D.D., superintendent of the Department, represents the Board of Home Missions, and Miss Helen Nott the W.M.S.G.S.

The officers of the Department are: President, Rev. A. Geo. Schmid; Vice President, Rev. E. N. Evans, D.D.; Secretary, Rev. E. A. Kielsmeier; and Treasurer, Rev. E. H. Vornholt. These officers constitute the Executive Committee. Four meetings were held during the year; three times the Executive Committee met, and once the entire Board.

### The Superintendent

of the Department, Dr. T. P. Bolliger, has entered his nineteenth year of supervising the missionary affairs of this very extensive field. He has done it in a very excellent and creditable manner. During the past year he traveled about 13,500 miles in the interest of our work, visiting 34 congregations, delivering more than 50 sermons and addresses. He attended the meetings of the Board of Home Missions; of the Department of the Northwest; the Indian Committee; two Synods; several Classes; held sixteen conferences with consistories and congregations and attended numerous other gatherings; all in the interest of our Home Mission work.

A large share of his time is spent keeping the records of the Church Erection Fund in order, carrying out instructions of the Department with

respect to loans that are to be made or that are repaid, keeping a close watch on the insurance policies that expire, and many other details connected with this phase of our work. He also writes articles for the Outlook of Missions and other church papers.

Both Dr. Bolliger and his wife were ill for some time during the past year, the latter spending several weeks in a hospital. But the Lord in His grace has preserved the lives of both and restored them to health. We are duly grateful for this.

**Our Missionaries**

are, as a whole, a devoted group of men, consecrated servants of the Master. With their families they are, in many instances, holding the fort against what less courageous men might consider hopeless odds. We are grateful that we have men like that in our mission fields. That is the type of men we need.

The contents of their annual reports vary. Some report statistics only. Others make additional remarks which are always appreciated by the Department and considered carefully. Occasionally a report manifests discouragement, but in general it is hope, encouragement and confidence. May God bless our missionaries.

RESIGNATIONS: Rev. Geo. Wolf, Duff, Sask., Canada.
Rev. John Belser (deceased), Cleveland, Ohio.
Rev. John Schlamp, Wolseley, Sask., Canada.
Rev. F. Heilert, New Berlin, Wisconsin.

COMMISSIONS: Rev. Walter Baumgartner, Rice Lake, Wisconsin.
Rev. Melvin Witmer, Fountain City, Wisconsin.
Rev. John Schlamp, Duff, Sask., Canada.
Rev. Clair B. Rhodes, Sunnydale, Louisville, Ky.
Rev. Kenneth Hafer, Cleveland, O., 11th Church.

Rev. I. Neumann was appointed by the Classis to serve Vegreville-Martins in Alberta, Canada, as a temporary supply, and when he left after several months of service he was succeeded by Rev. Walter E. Sieber whom the Classis appointed as temporary supply.

The following missions went to self-support: Lynnhurst in Louisville, Kentucky; Curtiss-Colby by uniting with the "E" congregation in Colby, Wisconsin; First Church in Appleton, Wisconsin, by uniting with the "E" congregation of that city.

Isabel-Trail and Heil-Beulah, both in Eureka Classis, Synod of the Northwest, are being supplied by the Classis. Leola in the same Classis will be united by Classis with a neighboring congregation.

Loveland, Colorado, Rupert, Idaho, and Quincy, Washington, are being served by pastors of the "E" group.

The following missions are vacant at present: Duff, Sask., Canada; Wolseley, Sask., Canada; Vegreville-Martins, Alberta, Canada; and Medina, North Dakota

Watertown and New Berlin, both in Wisconsin, were removed from the roll of missions.

One new mission was enrolled, Sunnydale in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Our Field**

extends over a vast territory. With the passing of the depression and the more recent business recession, the Church should think seriously of increased financial support for the work of Home Missions, so that the work may be strengthened where it is carried on now, and that work may be begun in new fields. The word of the Master is still in effect: "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lort of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into the harvest." — We are shirking stewards where we fail to accept the challenge.

During the last few years some missions have remained vacant far too long, others that should have had their own missionary were joined with others sometimes rather far away. Classes, particularly in the west, have been supplying vacant missions at intervals. The shortage of funds made a better arrangement impossible. But the work has suffered because of this kind of attention and considerable time and effort will be required to regain lost ground. Greater financial support is sorely needed and we are praying that the Church may provide it. In many of our missions, however, there has been definite progress and we are grateful to God for it.

**Winnebago Indian Mission**

*The congregation near Black River Falls, Wisconsin,* the Rev. Benj. Stucki, pastor, assisted by Evangelist John Stacy. Statistics do not tell the whole story here. They reveal only the visible physical results of the work done there. The enriched spiritual life cannot be measured and expressed in figures and statistics. The missionary cannot know the exact extent of spiritual growth or lack of growth. God alone knows that, and that is sufficient.

Rev. Stucki, Evangelist Stacy and other consecrated workers are sowing the seed and nurturing the tender plants and we are confident that God is giving an increase, a spiritual growth. Alvin Stacy, son of the evangelist, is conducting Sunday-school and giving catechetical instruction at the Mission station. The Federal Government is conducting a public school on land adjoining the Mission property. The Federal Government owns the school and community hall, which is one building, but the school is part of the county public school system. The Federal Government pays the school district a certain amount for each pupil.

*The school at Neillsville, Wisconsin:*—The following information is taken from the quarterly and annual reports of the superintendent, Rev. Benj. Stucki, and the Indian Committee reports. The continued interest shown by the church at large and particularly the financial support that is given this work by the Woman's Missionary Society, without which our Indian Mission work could hardly survive, is acknowledged most gratefully here. Also the numerous gifts that have come from other sources. Necessary improvements and repairs were made on the property. At present the enrollment is sixty girls and fifty-five boys. This means full capacity. Admittance had to be refused to a large number of boys and girls because there was no room for them. $800.00 was paid off on the debt still remaining on the first unit of the main building.

Our Indian Mission can observe its sixtieth anniversary this year. We call the attention of our Synods, Classes and congregations to this fact. A proper observance of this event is being planned. May our prayers and our gifts be directed to the work our Church is doing among the Winnebago Indians.

**The Church Erection Fund**

The Treasurer reports that a total of $890.98 was received from the congregations in our Synods for this phase of our missionary activity, during the past year. For details on receipts and disbursements, new loans made and repayment of loans, we refer you to the financial statement appended to this report.

We regret very much that we cannot report the addition of any new Church Erection Funds during the past year. Perhaps we should emphasize this phase of our work a little more. In the past these Funds have given valuable assistance to many of our churches. Recognizing their value, your Department urges that congregations, organizations and individuals be encouraged to establish such funds.

The treasurer's report shows the repayment of loans to congregations, amounting to $9,225.00. This includes the net proceeds realized from the sale of the Appleton, Wisconsin, church property when this congregation merged with the "E" congregation of that city.

Your Department granted one loan last year, $8,000.00 to Sunnydale Mission in Louisville, Kentucky. The total present loans amount to $207,-241.00 and are invested in 34 projects.

A special effort and a sincere endeavor should be made by all congregations to repay their loans when due, if they cannot do it in full, then at least in part, so that these monies may be loaned elsewhere.

**Recommendations**

Your Board of the Department of the Northwest, Board of Home Missions, submits the following items for your earnest consideration with the request that favorable action may be taken on them:

(1). Synods are asked to instruct their classical treasurers to send all contributions for Home Missions that were formerly sent to the treasurer of the Department of the Northwest, directly to the treasurer of the Board of Home Missions in Philadelphia, Pa. This pertains to Home Mission money only and not to contributions intended for the Church Erection Fund, nor to gifts for our Indian Mission work which still may be sent to the present treasurer, Rev. E. H. Vornholt, West Concord, Minn.

(2). In recent years numerous "drives" have been necessary and special offerings have been requested in order to liquidate the Home Mission debt and to supplement the insufficient apportionment monies received. In order to avoid future "drives" and "specials," all congregations are requested to pay their apportionment in full.

(3). Congregations which have not adopted the apportionment nor the weekly offering system for benevolence, are urged to make a special effort

on Easter and at Mission festivals to contribute an amount equal to the apportionment for Home Missions.

(4). Where it is not included in the apportionment, congregations are requested to remember the Church Erection Fund with an offering on Pentecost, the goal being at least ten cents per communicant member.

(5). Classes, congregations, church organizations and individuals are urged to create $500.00 or larger Memorial Church Erection Funds.

## EXPIRATION OF TERMS OF OFFICE

The members of the Board of the Department of the Northwest whose terms of office expire this year are:

Rev. E. H. Vornholt of the Synod of the Northwest.
Rev. R. J. Schroer of the Ohio Synod.
Elder H. C. Young of the Synod of the Mid-West.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Geo. Schmid, President.

New Holstein, Wisconsin, April 5, 1938.

## Statistical Report of Missions in the Department of the Northwest of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church Within the Bounds of the Synod of the Northwest, the Synod of the Mid-West, and the Ohio Synod, from January 1 to December 31, 1937

| | NAME | PLACE | CLASSIS | When enrolled | MISSIONARIES | Years Served | Congregations | Members | Added | Lost | Net Gain | Enrollment of Sunday-School | Amount raised on Apportionment | For other Benevolence | Expended for Improvements | Raised for Church Debt | Remaining Debt | Congregational Expenses | Raised Toward Salary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Winnebago Indian Mission: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Congregation | Black River Falls, Wis. | Sheboygan | 1917 | Benj. Stucki | 7½ | 1 | 84 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 46 | $ 411 | $ 324 | $ | $ | $ | $ 124 | $ |
| | School | Neillsville, Wis. | Sheboygan | 1917 | Benj. Stucki, Supt. | 19½ | 1 | | | | | *115 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | (1) Curtiss-Colby | Colby, Wis. | Sheboygan | 1905 | Siegfr. Schmiechen | ½ | 2 | 135 | 5 | 10 | —5 | 48 | 140 | 10 | | | | 143 | |
| 3 | (1) First | Appleton, Wis. | Sheboygan | 1910 | Vacant | | 1 | 103 | 1 | 8 | —7 | 54 | 67 | 10 | 75 | 171 | 3110 | 240 | |
| 4 | Grace | Kohler, Wis. | Sheboygan | 1925 | A. R. Achtemeier | 4 | 1 | 153 | 11 | 47 | —36 | 142 | 635 | 135 | 389 | 475 | 23625 | 1201 | 900 |
| 5 | First | Porterfield, Wis. | Sheboygan | 1924 | F. P. Franke | 7 | 1 | 98 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 34 | 101 | 69 | 130 | 100 | 1200 | 179 | 360 |
| 6 | Salem-Zion | Greenwood, Wis. | Sheboygan | 1926 | E. G. Pfeiffer | 11 | 2 | 140 | 6 | 6 | | 45 | 271 | 15 | 250 | 190 | 190 | 220 | 600 |
| 7 | St. John's | Humbird, Wis. | Sheboygan | 1926 | V. D. Weidler | 7½ | 1 | 124 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 50 | 60 | 18 | | 82 | | 217 | 600 |
| 8 | St. Paul's | Sheboygan, Wis. | Sheboygan | 1928 | C. O. Schroer | 5 | 1 | 272 | 41 | 24 | 17 | 212 | 237 | 596 | 445 | 552 | 15200 | 1173 | 800 |
| 9 | (2) First | Watertown, Wis. | Milwaukee | 1907 | Vacant | | 1 | 130 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 65 | 215 | 100 | 55 | 45 | | 95 | |
| 10 | (2) First | New Berlin, Wis. | Milwaukee | 1916 | F. Heilert | 15½ | 1 | 87 | 1 | | 1 | 12 | 39 | 5 | | | | 50 | 360 |
| 11 | Memorial | Madison, Wis. | Milwaukee | 1917 | C. M. Zenk, D.D. | 9½ | 1 | 252 | 19 | 19 | | 112 | 204 | 208 | 193 | 600 | 35550 | 1189 | 1320 |
| 12 | Fillmore-Waubeka | Fredonia, Wis. | Milwaukee | 1926 | P. A. Olm | 11 | 2 | 190 | 14 | 11 | 3 | 82 | 74 | 196 | 62 | | 400 | 841 | 1050 |
| 13 | Zwingli | Rice Lake, Wis. | Minnesota | 1910 | W. Baumgartner | ½ | 1 | 94 | | 2 | —2 | 22 | 71 | 16 | 600 | | | 110 | 810 |
| 14 | Fountain C'y-Eagle Valley | Fountain City, Wis. | Minnesota | 1927 | M. C. Witmer | ½ | 2 | 174 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 62 | 205 | 78 | 1509 | | | 1030 | 350 |
| 15 | (3) Hope | Loveland, Colorado | Nebraska | 1905 | M. Schoenhaar | 1 | 1 | 65 | | | | 20 | | | | 100 | 18 | | 145 |
| 16 | Bethany | Ledyard, Iowa | Ursinus | 1915 | A. A. Depping | 8½ | 1 | 140 | 8 | 8 | | 98 | 237 | | 85 | | | 88 | 700 |
| 17 | (4) Heil-Beulah | North Dakota | Eureka | 1912 | Supplied by Classis | | 2 | 38 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | (5) Medina | Medina, North Dakota | Eureka | 1903 | Vacant | | 2 | 58 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Upham-Lincoln Valley | Upham, North Dakota | Eureka | 1908 | F. F. Ott | 5 | 3 | 162 | | 5 | —5 | 76 | 90 | 30 | | 120 | 60 | 520 | 400 |
| 20 | (4) Isabel-Trail | Java, South Dakota | Eureka | 1916 | Supplied by Classis | | 2 | 38 | | | | 25 | | 50 | | | 1450 | | 1086 |
| 21 | (6) Oranien | Leola, South Dakota | Eureka | 1926 | See note below | | 1 | 95 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Alpena-Miller | Alpena, South Dakota | So. Dakota | 1920 | Wm. E. Korn | 1½ | 6 | 269 | 17 | 29 | —12 | 148 | 245 | | | 80 | 2400 | 323 | |
| 23 | (3) Rupert | Rupert, Idaho | Portland-Oregon | 1935 | A. Beutenmueller | 2 | 1 | 21 | 6 | | 6 | 20 | 11 | | | | | 57 | 81 |
| 24 | (3) Ebenezer | Quincy, Washington | Portland-Oregon | 1909 | W. A. Werth | 3 | 1 | 45 | | | | 29 | | | 24 | | | 23 | 300 |
| 25 | Second | Portland, Oregon | Portland-Oregon | 1923 | Geo. F. Zinn | 6¾ | 1 | 153 | 19 | 5 | 14 | 135 | 165 | 30 | 65 | 225 | 14755 | 320 | 750 |
| 26 | Bethany | Salem, Oregon | Portland-Oregon | 1928 | E. Horstmann | 3½ | 1 | 76 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 66 | 270 | 103 | 24 | | | 410 | 711 |
| 27 | Salem | Winnipeg, Man., Canada | West Canada | 1908 | C. D. Maurer | 16 | 1 | 222 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 38 | 201 | 173 | 427 | 245 | 997 | 632 | 900 |
| 28 | Josephsberg-Valley | Grenfell, Sask., Canada | West Canada | 1918 | C. Fried | 2½ | 2 | 89 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 26 | 62 | 62 | | | 175 | 94 | 655 |
| 29 | Peace | Duff, Sask., Canada | West Canada | 1902 | Vacant | | 1 | 60 | | 2 | —2 | 43 | 96 | | | | | | |
| 30 | Bethany | Wolseley, Sask., Can. | West Canada | 1905 | Vacant | | 1 | 83 | | | | 13 | 70 | 4 | 7 | | 100 | 30 | |
| 31 | Hope-Mewassin | Stony Plain, Alta., Can. | West Canada | 1920 | C. H. Reppert | 16½ | 2 | 189 | 18 | 8 | 10 | 140 | 183 | 34 | | | | 364 | 883 |
| 32 | Vegreville-Martins | Vegreville, Alta., Can. | West Canada | 1915 | Vacant | | 2 | 139 | | 1 | —1 | 85 | 129 | 8 | 85 | | | 114 | |
| 33 | Eleventh | Cleveland, Ohio | Northeast Ohio | 1904 | K. J. Hofer | ¼ | 1 | 100 | | 33 | —33 | 103 | 300 | 95 | | | | 397 | 733 |
| 34 | Memorial | Toledo, Ohio | Northwest Ohio | 1900 | P. H. Baumann | 11½ | 1 | 220 | 32 | | 32 | 240 | 213 | 40 | 312 | 715 | 22412 | 2991 | 1600 |
| 35 | Pleasant Run Blvd. | Indianapolis, Ind. | Indianapolis | 1909 | R. C. Windhorst | 8¾ | 1 | 225 | 35 | 10 | 25 | 200 | 105 | 42 | 50 | 750 | 20000 | 604 | 1300 |
| 36 | Trinity | Indianapolis, Ind. | Indianapolis | 1920 | W. H. Knierim | 5 | 1 | 112 | 2 | 2 | | 143 | 22 | 10 | 250 | 240 | 16410 | 216 | 510 |
| 37 | Barton-Hicks | Marvel, Ark. | Missouri | 1912 | T. Steiner | 6½ | 2 | 65 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 40 | 85 | 6 | 74 | | | 77 | 187 |
| 38 | St. Thomas | Chicago, Ill. | Chicago | 1916 | W. F. Naefe | 13 | 1 | 225 | 28 | 12 | 16 | 265 | 235 | 65 | | 553 | 20626 | 2800 | 1100 |
| 39 | Sunnydale | Louisville, Ky. | Kentucky | 1937 | Clair B. Rhodes | ½ | 1 | 82 | 9 | | 9 | 139 | 84 | 34 | | 692 | 8860 | | |
| | | | | | | | 58 | 5006 | 354 | 275 | 79 | 3193 | $5533 | $2564 | $5111 | $5935 | $187558 | $16872 | $19192 |

(1) Gone to self-support, merged with an "E" congregation.
(2) Removed from roll of Missions.
(3) Supplied by "E" pastor.
(4) Supplied by Classis.
(5) Will unite with Streeter charge, no support needed.
(6) United with neighboring congregation.

## Report of the Department of the Northwest

### of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

From January 1, 1937 to December 31, 1937

*Receipts*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance on hand January 1, 1937 | $00.00 | |
| | | $00.00 |
| Released by First National Bank, Neillsville, Wis. | 24.34 | |
| | | 24.34 |
| From Classes in Synod of the Northwest: | | |
| Sheboygan | 3,554.83 | |
| Milwaukee | 2,513.36 | |
| Minnesota | 935.58 | |
| Nebraska | 252.25 | |
| Ursinus | 501.67 | |
| South Dakota | 376.31 | |
| Portland-Oregon | 468.40 | |
| Eureka | 26.30 | |
| West Canada | 192.97 | |
| California | 100.46 | |
| | | $9,191.97 |
| Twenty Thousand Club, Sheboygan | 269.84 | |
| | | 269.84 |
| Total Receipts | | $9,216.31 |

*Disbursements*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Exchange on Canada checks | $ 0.18 | |
| Rev. W. F. De Long, Treasurer | 9,216.13 | |
| Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1937 | 00.00 | |
| | | $9,216.31 |

Amount still in the old First National Bank, Neillsville, Wis. $36.54

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN H. VORNHOLT, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct this
9th day of March, 1938.
Auditing Committee:
C. GROSSHUESCH
WM. HUENEMANN
JOHN YENNIE

## Financial Statement of the Winnebago Indian Mission

### Black River Falls Station and Neillsville School

From January 1, 1937 to December 31, 1937

*Receipts*

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance on hand in Department Treasury, Jan. 1, 1937 | $ 625.96 |
| Balance in Treasury of Indian School | 6.43 |
| Personal Gifts from Individuals | 345.80 |
| Congregations, Societies, Church Schools | 2,387.44 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| W.M.S., G.M.G., Mission Bands | 17,931.62 | |
| W. M. S. Refrigerator Fund | 23.89 | |
| Ladies' Aid Societies | 221.80 | |
| Sales of Produce | 215.17 | |
| Refunds on Freight and Insurance | 50.10 | |
| Total Receipts | | $21,808.21 |

*Disbursements*

*Salaries and Wages*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rev. Benj. Stucki, Sup't (W.M.S. Grant) | $ 1,449.96 | |
| Mr. John Stacy (W.M.S. Grant) | 900.00 | |
| Teachers' Salaries | 2,037.02 | |
| Wages for Household Help | 1,911.20 | |
| Secretary | 565.76 | |
| Farm Manager, Gardener and extra Help | 1,238.97 | |
| Janitor Service | 451.50 | |
| Extra Labor | 21.00 | |
| E. H. Vornholt, Treasurer | 100.00 | |
| | | $ 8,675.41 |
| Freight, Express, Postage | $ 162.16 | |
| Office Supplies, Telephone, Box Rent | 103.03 | |
| School Supplies | 149.14 | |
| Sanitary Supplies | 141.55 | |
| Medical Services and Supplies | 342.03 | |
| Household Supplies | 672.36 | |
| Electric Light and Power | 777.14 | |
| Water Rent and Ice | 438.08 | |
| Fuel Oil, Freight and other Fuel | 1,831.47 | |
| New Truck, License and Insurance | 683.35 | |
| Equipment, Repairs and Replacements | 1,773.59 | |
| Clothing, Shoes and Repairs | 561.35 | |
| Clothing, Book-rent for High School Students | 53.57 | |
| Provisions | 2,640.00 | |
| Farm, Feed and Live Stock | 472.96 | |
| Insurance (Fires, Cyclone and Workmen's) | 340.40 | |
| Taxes (Black River Falls and Neillsville) | 51.78 | |
| Traveling Expenses | 58.35 | |
| Interest on Annuity Bonds | 56.00 | |
| Interest to Banks on Loans by the Board | 160.50 | |
| Gas and Oil | 372.39 | |
| Expenses of the Indian Committee | 32.70 | |
| Gravel and Cement | 49.04 | |
| Laundry Supplies | 43.55 | |
| Various small items | 17.25 | |
| Church Erection Fund, on Loan to School | 800.00 | |
| Total Disbursements | | $21,459.15 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Total Receipts | $21,808.21 |
| Total Disbursements | 21,459.15 |

Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1937 ................ $ 349.06

*Road and Sidewalk Fund*

| | |
|---|---|
| On hand January 1, 1937 | $ 227.02 |
| Used for Cement and Gravel | 49.04 |
| Balance on Dec. 31, 1937 | $ 177.98 |

*Refrigerator Fund*

| | |
|---|---|
| On hand, January 1, 1937 | $ 47.61 |
| Received during year | 23.89 |
| Balance in Fund, Dec. 31, 1937 | $ 71.50 |

Note: The old First National Bank of Neillsville, Wis., still holds $16.36 of the amount due the Indian Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN H. VORNHOLT, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct this 9 day of March, 1938, by the auditing committee:

C. GROSSHUESCH
WM. HUENEMANN
JOHN YENNIE

## Church Erection Fund of the Department of the Northwest
## Church Erection Funds

From January 1, 1937 to December 31, 1937

*Receipts*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance on hand, January 1, 1937 | $ 2,405.76 | |
| Interest received | 279.85 | |
| Released by First National Bank, Neillsville | 9.00 | |
| Bertha Miller, Milwaukee, Legacy | 50.00 | |
| Rent for Farm in Iowa | 300.00 | |
| | | $ 3,044.61 |
| Classes in Synod of Northwest: | | |
| Sheboygan | $400.56 | |
| Milwaukee | 266.02 | |
| Minnesota | 80.30 | |
| Nebraska | 6.70 | |
| Ursinus | 58.50 | |
| South Dakota | 9.00 | |
| Portland-Oregon | 22.65 | |
| Eureka | 17.10 | |
| West Canada | 30.15 | |
| | | $ 890.98 |
| Repayments by Congregations: | | |
| Appleton, Wis. | $3,000.00 | |
| Broadhead, Wis. | 200.00 | |
| Edmonton, Canada | 200.00 | |
| Indian School | 800.00 | |
| Kohler, Wis., Grace | 875.00 | |
| Loveland, Colo., Hope | 400.00 | |
| Louisville, Ky., Milton Ave. | 2,350.00 | |
| Milwaukee, Immanuel | 300.00 | |
| Porterfield, Wis. | 100.00 | |
| Sheboygan, St. Paul's | 400.00 | |
| Verona, Wis. | 200.00 | |
| Waubeka, Wis. | 100.00 | |
| Winnipeg, Can., Salem | 100.00 | |
| Winnipeg, Can., Zion | 200.00 | |
| | | $ 9,225.00 |
| Total Receipts | | $13,160.59 |

*Disbursements*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Exchange on checks | $ 4.02 | |
| Safety Box rent in Bank | 13.20 | |
| Tax on Farm in Iowa | 79.90 | |
| Department Meetings | 233.49 | |
| Secretary | 25.00 | |
| President | 25.00 | |
| Treasurer | 100.00 | |
| Auditing Treasurer's books and reports | 5.00 | |
| For balance debt and accrued interest on property in Appleton, Wis. | 628.83 | |
| Attorney Fees in sale of Appleton property | 21.75 | |
| Storage of pews of Appleton Church | 16.00 | |
| Forward Movement Funds returned | 200.00 | |
| Loan to Sunnydale Mission, Louisville, Ky | 8,000.00 | |
| Total Disbursements | | $ 9,352.19 |
| Total Receipts | $13,160.59 | |
| Total Disbursements | 9,352.19 | |
| Balance on hand, December 31, 1937 | | $ 3,808.40 |
| Cash in Bank | $ 3,808.40 | |
| Tied up in Bonds | 1,100.00 | |
| Total | | $ 4,908.40 |

Note: The old First National Bank, Neillsville, Wis., still holds $13.61

*Other Assets of Church Erection Fund loaned to Congregations:*

| | |
|---|---|
| Belleville, Wis. | $ 5,400.00 |
| Broadhead, Wis. | 116.66 |
| Chicago, St. Thomas | 6,700.00 |
| Chicago, First | 7,000.00 |
| Edmonton, Canada | 126.00 |
| Fairfax, South Dakota | 200.00 |
| Flint, Mich. | 2,775.00 |
| Indianapolis, Trinity | 16,310.00 |
| Indianapolis, Ind., Pleasant Run Boulev'd. | 18,000.00 |
| Indian School, Neillsville, Wis. | 8,935.96 |
| Kohler, Wis., Grace | 23,625.00 |
| Lakewood, Ohio | 3,300.00 |
| Leola, South Dakota | 1,450.00 |
| Louisville, Ky., Milton Ave. | 5,400.00 |
| Louisville, Ky., Sunnydale | 8,000.00 |
| Loveland, Colo., Hope | 1,240.00 |
| Madison, Wis., Memorial | 23,350.00 |
| Medina, North Dakota | 1,000.00 |
| Miller, South Dakota | 1,820.75 |
| Milwaukee, Wis., Immanuel | 5,000.00 |
| Neudorf, Canada | 100.00 |
| Piqua, Ohio, First | 12,400.00 |
| Piapot, Canada | 575.00 |
| Porterfield, Wis., First | 1,300.00 |
| Portland, Oregon, Second | 15,100.00 |
| Sheboygan, Wis., Ebenezer | 15,000.00 |
| Sheboygan, Wis., St. Paul's | 11,600.00 |
| Toledo, Ohio, Memorial | 7,800.00 |
| Verona, Wis. | 800.00 |
| Wabasha, Minn., Trinity | 500.00 |
| Waubeka, Wis. | 400.00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Winnipeg, Canada, Salem ................. | 537.00 |
| Winnipeg, Canada, Zion ................... | 1,279.63 |
| Wolseley, Canada ......................... | 100.00 |
| | $207,241.00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance Cash in Bank, Dec. 31, 1937.................. | $ 3,808.40 |
| Invested in Bonds ................................... | 1,100.00 |
| Tied up in First National Bank....................... | 13.61 |
| Loaned to congregations ............................. | 207,241.00 |
| Total Resources of the Fund.......................... | $212,163.01 |

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN H. VORNHOLT

Audited and found correct this 9th day of
March, 1938, by the undersigned committee,

C. GROSSHUESCH
WM. HUENEMANN
JOHN YENNIE

## Church Erection Funds

The funds are given in the order in which they were promised. The date indicates when they were completed.

1. The Christian Endeavor Fund of Central Synod. Contributed by the societies of the Synod. Completed 1905....$ 500.00
2. The Waukon, Iowa, Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School of the Zion's Congregation. 1914.............. 500.00
3. The Justus Norwig Fund. Contributed by Justus Norwig of Wolseley, Sask., as a Thank Offering to God. 1910.. 500.00
4. The Herman Marcus Fund. Contributed by his children as a memorial to their father. 1910..................... 500.00
5. The Canton, Ohio, First Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School, 1914................................. 500.00
6. The Philip and Susanna Steinhage Fund. Given in memory of her parents by the daughter, Mrs. H. H. Kattmann, Wausau, Wis. 1914 ................................ 500.00
7. The New Knoxville, Ohio, First Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School. 1912 .......................... 500.00
8. The Toledo, Ohio, First Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School. 1915 ................................ 500.00
9. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. Given as a Jubilee Thank Offering on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Society. No. 1. 1911 ........................................ 500.00
10. The M. G. I. Stern Fund. Contributed by the Ladies' Aid Society of the St. John's Church, Indianapolis, Ind., in memory of Dr. Stern, who served the congregation for many years, and also rendered valuable service as a member of the German Board of Home Missions. 1911 500.00
11. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund, No. 2. 1912................... 500.00
12. The Sheboygan, Wis., Zion's Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School. 1917.......................... 500.00
13. The Barbara Hamilton Fund. A legacy left by Mrs. Barbara Hamilton, Helvetia, W. Va. 1912................ 500.00
14. The Margaret Koch Fund. Given in memory of their mother by her children, of Sandusky, Ohio. 1912............ 500.00
15. The Jacob C. Siekmeier Fund. Given by Mrs. Hannah Siekmeier, Waukon, Ia., in memory of her husband. 1912.. 500.00

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| 16. The Norwood, Ohio, Zion's Church Fund. Given by the Sunday School of the Zion's Church. 1923.............. | 500.00 |
| 17. The Cincinnati, Ohio, First Church Fund. Contributed by the Gemeinde Missions Verein. 1917.................. | 500.00 |
| 18. The Portland, Oregon, Second Church Fund. Contributed by the congregation and the Ladies' Aid Society. 1913 | 600.00 |
| 19. The Portland, Oregon, First Church Fund. Contributed as an expression of gladness for the dedication of their new church. 1912 ........................................ | 500.00 |
| 20. The Frederick Stockmeier Fund. Contributed by Mrs. Sophia Stockmeier, Salem, Oregon, in memory of her husband. 1918 ........................................ | 500.00 |
| 21. The Sophia Stockmeier Fund. Given by Mrs. Sophia Stockmeier, Salem, Oregon. 1918........................... | 500.00 |
| 22. The Anton Kielsmeier Fund. Given by Mrs. Anton Kielsmeier, Salem, Oregon, in memory of her husband. 1918 | 500.00 |
| 23. The Dakota Classes Fund. Contributed by the Classes in the Dakotas. 1917 .................................. | 500.00 |
| 24. The St. John's Classis W. M. S. Fund. Contributed by the Woman's Missionary Societies of the St. John's Classis, Central Synod. 1916 ................................ | 500.00 |
| 25. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 3. 1913................... | 500.00 |
| 26. The Central Synod Fund. Given by the Central Synod. 1915 | 524.00 |
| 27. The Lafayette, Ind., Salem's Church Fund. Contributed by the congregation, the Sunday School, the Ladies' Aid and the C. E. Societies. 1916 ........................ | 500.00 |
| 28. The Waynesburg, Ohio, Salem's Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School. 1921.......................... | 500.00 |
| 29. The J. H. S. Annuity Fund. Given by J. H. S. 1913...... | 500.00 |
| 30. The Akron, Ohio, First Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School. 1917 ............................... | 500.00 |
| 31. The Minnesota Classis Fund. Contributed by the congregations of the Classis. 1926.......................... | 500.00 |
| 32. The Heidelberg Classis Fund. Contributed by the congregations. 1917 ...................................... | 500.00 |
| 33. The Christian Rolli Fund. A legacy left by Christian Rolli, Yutan, Nebraska. 1914 .............................. | 500.00 |
| 34. The Sheboygan Classis Fund. Contributed by the congregations. 1921 ...................................... | 500.00 |
| 35. The Marion, Ohio, First Church Fund. Contributed by the entire congregation. 1918 ......................... | 500.00 |
| 36. The Sophia Beneker Fund. Given by her daughter, Mrs. Fred Narwold, Canton, Ohio, in memory of her mother. 1913 .............................................. | 500.00 |
| 37. The Christian Ruhl Fund. Given by Rev. Philip Ruhl, Ft. Wayne, Ind., in memory of his wife. 1913.............. | 500.00 |
| 38. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund No. 4. 1913..................... | 500.00 |
| 39. The John Lahr Fund. Given by Mrs. John Lahr in memory of her husband. 1914............................. | 500.00 |
| 40. The H. J. Ruetenik Fund. Given in memory of Dr. Ruetenik—educator, author, pastor, friend—by former students. 1921 ........................................ | 500.00 |
| 41. The Henry Katterheinrich Fund. Given by Mrs. Elizabeth Katterheinrich and her son Henry of Stratford, Wis., in memory of the husband and father. 1916............... | 500.00 |
| 42. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 5. 1915.................. | 500.00 |
| 43. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 6. 1915.................. | 500.00 |
| 44. The New Knoxville, Ohio, Fund. Contributed by two classes of the Sunday School. 1915......................... | 500.00 |

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| 45. The Henry M. Meyer and Wilhelmina M. Meyer Fund. Given in memory of his parents by Rev. B. M. Meyer, Elizabethtown, Md. 1915 | 500.00 |
| 46. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 7. 1921 | 500.00 |
| 47. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 8 A special Thank Offering 1916 | 500.00 |
| 48. The New Knoxville, Ohio, Fund. No. 2. Contributed by the Ladies' Aid Society. 1918 | 500.00 |
| 49. The Carl F. Kriete Fund. Contributed by the Synod of the Southwest in recognition of twenty-five years' service as the President of the Board of Church Erection Fund. 1919. | 500.00 |
| 50. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 9. 1916 | 500.00 |
| 51. The Heidelberg Classis W. M. S. Fund. Contributed by the Missionary Societies of the Heidelberg Classis. 1924 | 500.00 |
| 52. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 10. 1917 | 500.00 |
| 53. The Huntington, Ind., St. Peter's Church Fund. Contributed by the congregation. 1918 | 500.00 |
| 54. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 11. Special Thank Offering Fund. 1917 | 500.00 |
| 55. The Heidelberg Classis Fund. No. 2. 1918 | 500.00 |
| 56. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 12. 1918 | 500.00 |
| 57. The John Kieni Fund. A legacy left by John Kieni, Hillsboro, Oregon. 1917 | 500.00 |
| 58. The Fred W. Welp Fund. A legacy left by Fred W. Welp, Lafayette, Ind. 1918 | 500.00 |
| 59. The Chicago Classis Fund. Contributed by the Classis. 1918 | 500.00 |
| 60. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 13. 1919 | 500.00 |
| 61. The Heidelberg Classis Fund. No. 3. 1924 | 500.00 |
| 62. A Memorial Fund. Given by a member of the Grace Church, Milwaukee, Wis., in memory of his wife, Christine, and his mother, daughter, and sister, all bearing the baptismal name, Marie. 1918 | 500.00 |
| 63. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 14. Special Thank Offering. 1918 | 500.00 |
| 64. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 15. 1919 | 500.00 |
| 65. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 16. Special Thank Offering Fund. 1919 | 500.00 |
| 66. The New Glarus, Wis., Swiss Church Fund. Contributed by the congregation. 1922 | 500.00 |
| 67. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 17. 1920 | 500.00 |
| 68. The Elias Badertscher Fund. A legacy left by Elias Badertscher of Bluffton, Ohio. 1920 | 1,000.00 |
| 69. The Julia Gruis Fund. A legacy left by Mrs. Julia Gruis, Meservey, Iowa. 1920 | 500.00 |
| 70. The Cincinnati, Ohio, Salem Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School. 1924 | 500.00 |
| 71. The Mary Ellen Wagner Fund. A legacy left by Mary E. Wagner of Provo, Utah. 1921 | 500.00 |
| 72. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 18. 1922 | 500.00 |
| 73. The "Reformed Church Member" Fund. Given by a member of one of the Cincinnati, Ohio, congregations. 1921 | 500.00 |
| 74. The Zion's Classis Fund. Given by the Zion's Classis, Synod of the Southwest, immediately before uniting with the St. Joseph Classis, Ohio Synod, to form the new Ft. Wayne Classis. 1922 | 500.00 |

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| 75. The A. A. K. Heinemann Fund. An annuity fund, given by Mrs. Minnie Heinemann in memory of her husband, 1922 | 500.00 |
| 76. The Gepkea J. Hocker Fund. Given by Rev. A. Hocker, Galion, Ohio, in memory of his wife. 1923 | 500.00 |
| 77. The Louise Blatt Krampe Fund. Given by Rev. A. W. Krampe, Mission House, in memory of his wife. 1926 | 500.00 |
| 78. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 19. 1925 | 500.00 |
| 79. The Emma Stadtlander Fund. Given by Mrs. Emma Stadtlander, Meservey, Iowa. 1926 | 500.00 |
| 80. The John Dodge Fund. A legacy given by John Dodge of the First Church, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1912. Designated by the former Tri-Synodic Board as a memorial fund | 2,000.00 |
| 81. The Elizabeth Knopf Fund. A legacy given by Mrs. Elizabeth Knopf of Coal City, Ind., in 1921. Designated by the Tri-Synodic Board as a memorial fund | 3,100.00 |
| 82. The Julia Gruis Fund. A legacy given by Mrs. Julia Gruis of Meservey, Iowa, in 1920. Designated by the Tri-Synodic Board as a memorial fund | 1,200.00 |
| 83. Louise V. Bolliger Memorial, given by her family in 1927 | 500.00 |
| 84. The Dr. H. A. and Sophia Muehlmeier Fund, given by the children in 1927 | 500.00 |
| 85. The Rev. E. Vornholt Memorial, LaCrosse, Wis. 1926 | 500.00 |
| 86. The Elder Henry Tuechter Fund, a legacy. 1927 | 500.00 |
| 87. The Justis Norwig Fund, Wolseley, Can. Legacy in 1927 | 500.00 |
| 88. The Milwaukee Classis Fund completed in 1928 | 500.00 |
| 89. Fred Ellenberger Memorial Fund, Berne, Ind. 1930 | 500.00 |
| 90. Rev. Benjamin Lienkaemper Memorial Fund. 1931 | 500.00 |
| 91. Prof. Adolf W. Krampe Memorial Fund. 1934 | 500.00 |
| 92. Katharine Delp Memorial Fund, 1936 | 500.00 |

EDWIN H. VORNHOLT, Treasurer.

## Forward Movement Fund

January 1, 1937 to December 31, 1937

*Receipts*

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| Balance on hand, January 1, 1937 | $4,500.00 |
| E. H. Vornholt, Forward Movement Money repaid | 200.00 |
| | $4,700.00 |

*Disbursements*

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| Loveland, Colo., Gift Grant | $ 200.00 |
| Balance, Dec. 31 | $4,500.00 |

The Department of the Northwest holds notes for the above amount from the Board of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. BOLLIGER,
Treas., Fwd. Mov. Fund.

## Exhibit III

# HOME MISSIONS

### The Annual Statement of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States

**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**

To the Reverend Synods.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—When the Board of Home Missions at its annual meeting last January received the report of the Treasurer for the year 1937, it was gratified to learn of the financial progress that was made during the year, and it is pleased to share this information with you.

There was a slight increase in the receipts on the apportionment: $161,510 as against $150,327 the previous year. While this is only $11,000 more, yet it is an increase, and indicates that the Church is steadily regaining its former standard of giving. However, the fact that only 46% of the apportionment was paid leaves much room for improvement. In addition to the receipts from the apportionment, the Board received $20,527 from the W.M.S.G.S.; $46,480 through the 20,000 Club; $6,868 through the Debt Reduction Plan and $3,747 as special gifts.

More than 50% of the receipts in the General Fund came from sources other than the apportionment. The Board simply could not carry on its work if it had to depend solely on the apportionment, unless that were paid more nearly in full.

Now, what was the Board able to do with the monies it received? It paid out $86,990 on salaries to its missionaries, and in addition $40,450 on back salaries, or a total of $127,440 went right out to the missionaries. By paying off certain pressing loans, and by curtailing every item of expense, and economizing to the utmost, the net profit for the year was $61,205 — which means that the deficit in the General Fund is that much less today than it was a year ago. The debt in this Fund on January 1, 1938, was $112,000 which includes $68,000 still owing to the missionaries for back salaries.

The Board feels greatly encouraged by this indication of progress and expects by the end of this year to show similar improvement in its financial matters. The 20,000 Club really made this improvement possible. A total of $85,000 has been received through this effort. While this is still far from the goal, it has been of tremendous help. When it is remembered that less than half of our congregations participated in this special effort, we are led to believe that if those who did nothing were to do their part, and others would be willing to go the "second mile," the entire deficit in the General Fund, including back salaries, could be paid during this year, and the Board be in a better position to merge its work with the new Board of National Missions.

In its Church Building Department the Board received $10,454 in the

form of Church-building Funds; $8,692 as bequests; $7,100 as Annuity Bonds and $24,658 was paid back by the churches on account of their loans from the Board.

The Board has consistently and conscientiously kept the Church informed of the Board's obligations, so that the Church has seen only the debit side of the Board's work. Perhaps the Board has failed to impress the Church with the fact that there is twice as much owing to the Board as the Board itself owes. These obligations to the Board are on the part of churches themselves. The Board has loaned to missions and congregations formerly on the roll, the sum of $1,350,000. This money was loaned in good faith. Legal documents, such as deeds, mortgages, and notes were given by these churches to the Board. Failure to pay back to the Board has embarrassed the Board. If the Synods and Classes could do something to get such congregations in their bounds as owe money to the Board to speed up their payments, it would relieve the pressure greatly. This is a just obligation, not a benevolent gift. When the Board makes a loan in a bank it is required to pay it back. It is a moral as well as a financial obligation. The Board must pay its debts under duress of the law, but it has no other than moral persuasion to get its debtors to pay the Board. This situation is reaching a crisis because of the merger. The Board has employed a man on part time to negotiate with these churches that owe money to the Board, and help them to work out ways and means to make payments. Through a form of life insurance, provision has been made for the repayment of $300,000 over a period of years.

From the above references to the Board's financial status it must not be inferred that the Board was unmindful of its real task,—the extension of the Kingdom and the Christianization of our American life. One hundred and fifty-one mission stations are maintained in all of the Synods of the Church. One-tenth of the ministry of the Church are engaged in the work of Home Missions, and in addition there are ten full time deaconesses at work. Sunday-schools and other Church organizations are maintained, and these mission churches are supplying the privileges and blessings of the Gospel to 15,000 members, with a like number of children and young people in our Sunday-schools. These missions are located in urban and rural areas, and are ministering to eight different nationalities.

In anticipation of the merger of the Home Mission work in the new Board of National Missions, joint enterprises with the Board for Home Missions of the Evangelical Synod are already being carried forward. In fact, these are far more numerous than some folks realize.

The time is here when we must challenge the Church to a great advance in this field of Christian service. In this period of transition we must patiently set our house in order, so that when the merger is complete we may go forward to larger things and make a worthwhile contribution to the Christianizing of America.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES E. MILLER, President.
CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER, General Secretary.

# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest:

This year the W. M. S. of General Synod celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary. In looking toward this celebration of fifty years of service, the women felt they would like to bring a special "Love Gift" to show, in a small way, their gratitude and thankfulness to God for all the blessings of the past. So for the past three years the women have been working for this gift, this in addition to their regular Budget and Thank Offering.

We are happy to report that the women raised $52,361.91 for this special Anniversary Gift. This was distributed to Home and Foreign Mission causes.

The Synod of the Northwest received some of this gift, as the Mission House received $1,042.82; the Indian School $391.11; the Second Reformed Church at Portland, Oregon $300.00 and the 20,000 Club $4,765.99.

It would be impossible to list here all the projects for the coming year, but we would like to say that our Indian School at Neillsville will receive approximately $18,000, and our Saint Paul's Church in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and the Second Reformed Church at Portland, Oregon, although neither one has a Woman's Missionary Society, will receive Gift Building Funds of $500.00 each. Looking to greater service in the years to come, the W. M. S. at their 50th anniversary meeting voted $1000.00 toward the work our Church is to undertake in Africa.

God has richly blessed the efforts of the W. M. S. in the past and now, as we stand on the threshold of our next fifty years of service, we hope and pray that more of the women of the Northwest Synod will be privileged to share in this great task.

The W. M. S. of General Synod reports a membership of 21,033; Northwest Synod lists 709 members. Surely our task is to arouse more of our women to the joy and privilege of sharing in the work of this great organization.

May God bless all the efforts put forth to extend the Master's Kingdom to the "uttermost parts of the earth."

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA B. ACHTEMEIER
President of Northwest Synodical

## Exhibit IV

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

## The Annual Statement of the Board of Foreign Missions

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: This report is made to the Synod under circumstances of great stress both at home and abroad—circumstances that test the foundations of our faith, try our courage and challenge us to greater service. The missionary enterprise of the Christian Church is a world-wide affair, and when the whole world is filled with tumult and trouble the missionary work of the Church is bound to feel the strain of the situation. The problems which present themselves for solution to your Board of Foreign Missions are immediate, insistent and strategic. At home the financial "recession" threatens to undercut the support of the work at the very time when support is needed as never before. Abroad the distressing conflict between Japan and China has of necessity seriously affected the missionary work in these two great nations of the Orient. It is no easy task to which your Board of Foreign Missions has been assigned in such days as these.

### The Centennial of the Board

In the midst of war and distressing circumstances of all kinds it is well that in the gracious providence of our Heavenly Father we have one splendid and encouraging thing to think about and talk about and act about in this year 1938. This is the Centennial year of the Board of Foreign Missions. The Board was organized on October 5, 1838, at the Synod in the First Reformed Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The Board is hoping that this Centennial year will be the occasion of many inspiring meetings in celebration of the Centennial. A beautiful Centennial booklet has been issued, containing much interesting historical material which ought to be in the hands of every member of the Church. It is the sincere desire and fervent hope of the Board of Foreign Missions that the crowning effort of this Centennial year should be the cancellation of the remaining indebtedness on the work of the Board, that the new century may be initiated in the new Church with a new, clean financial sheet.

### The Japan Mission

The Japan Mission reports that although the Japanese nation is filled with intensely nationalistic war spirit and its activity geared in to the processes of war, nevertheless there is an under-current of deep spiritual searching. Both the missionaries and the Japanese Church are called upon to face issues and live a life under circumstances which are difficult in the extreme. Our missionaries in their reports plead for American Church sympathy for the kindly people of Japan. As one of our missionaries says in a recent letter, "The ordinary man of the street in Japan has no more to do with this war than you or I." Our missionaries are unanimous in

their opinion that Japan never needed the Gospel more than it needs it to day, and are urgent in their appeal that the Church should not slacken its efforts for the preaching of the Gospel in Japan today because of what Japanese militarists are doing. If there was a call for the Gospel in Japan fifty years ago, it is all the more insistent today. In addition to this, our Japanese Christian brethren need our sympathy, support, love and prayers more than ever.

In the evangelistic work the present situation is summed up in quotations from two letters recently received. One of our oldest evangelistic missionaries says: "The next few years will undoubtedly tell on this country, and more than ever will the love and guidance of Christian men and women be needed to avert moral disaster. Thus far we are physically safe and the people are friendly. There is a general tightening up of our work." Another evangelistic missionary writes: "This is not an easy time to do missionary work here. For some time I had felt that Christian work was going at a definitely slower pace. Recently, however, I have noticed a few things that seem to indicate definitely that new people are interested in Christianity. Just before Christmas I baptized five people at one small church, and on this past Sunday night I baptized three more in another small church. The attendance at the latter service was much better than I had seen for a long time, and there was a fine spirit of fellowship and worship. Perhaps it is not such a bad time to put forth our best efforts."

A paragraph from a letter of the officers of the North Japan Newspaper Correspondence Evangelism office to the secretary of the Board is most significant. These officers are some of the outstanding pastors and Christian leaders and teachers of North Japan. The letter reads thus:

"However, it goes without saying that under the present situation in Japan we will necessarily have to experience many more tremendous hardships in newspaper evangelism; but it is also very true that, if we face the facts honestly and frankly, we can come to no conclusion but that there has never been a time like the present when Japan needs the Gospel so desperately. It will save us from future crises, from our narrow-minded prejudices, and lead Japan side by side with other nations of the world toward real peace. For there is no other power save that of the Spirit of Christ that can do it.... We sincerely hope that our brothers and sisters who live beyond the ocean will continue to grant liberal and sympathetic support to this work, and especially do we desire your fervent prayers and future leadership."

In the educational work of the Japan Mission our two schools, North Japan College for men and Miyagi College for women, are proceeding undisturbed with their usual program of Christian education.

North Japan College has a larger enrollment than ever and is being skillfully guided through very serious times and circumstances by the wise leadership of its Japanese president, Dr. T. Demura.

The outstanding feature of our educational work during the year 1937 was the erection of the new chapel-auditorium for Miyagi College. This college for girls had never had a chapel large enough to accommodate the entire student body of the school. The old chapel was so small that, with

adjoining class-rooms thrown into it, it was just possible to crowd in the student body. There was no room whatever for guests or visitors. During the past year, through the generosity of the Woman's Missionary Society, a new chapel-auditorium was built and dedicated in January of this year. It is so arranged that the entire student body can be seated in the gallery of the school while the main floor of the auditorium can be reserved for guests. For the first time in its history Miyagi College now may have present at its Christian functions the parents and friends of the girls of the school. The good effect of this has already become evident. The acoustics of the building are pronounced perfect. At one of the dedicatory services there were present by actual count 1047 people. The Christian opportunities made possible by this new building will contribute greatly in future years to the Christian efficiency of Miyagi College.

**The China Mission**

Never were the prospects brighter for the spread of Christianity in China than during the year 1936. Under the leadership of Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek and other splendid Christian leaders at the head of the government it had seemed that China was on its way toward becoming a Christian nation. Much of this Christian hope and optimism had been blasted by the withering devastation of war carried on with unusual cruelty by the modern methods of militarists. Very fortunately for the Reformed Church our China Mission is located far inland in China in the central province of Hunan. The heartrending destruction which befell Christian missions along the coast cities has not been experienced by our missionaries. They and their work have been unmolested by the actual operations of war. Of course, all of our work is influenced by the general atmosphere of conflict. However, it is a thing for which to be thankful that none of our missionaries and none of our property have been injured in this conflict.

Last summer, when it began to be evident that serious military operations were in the offing, the Board took the precaution of evacuating all of the mothers with children from the China mission field. Any other missionaries who wanted to leave were given the privilege of doing so, and those who stayed did so definitely of their own choice, and with the understanding that they were ready and willing to face the rigors of war. Let it be said to the honor of our missionaries that with practical unanimity of courage and devotion those who had no children or special family cares decided to stay. No one knows the extra work that has been heaped upon individual missionaries who stayed by their posts, especially in Yoyang. Everyone of our missionaries is doing several persons' work. This cannot continue indefinitely. Our little band of faithful workers in our China Mission must have reinforcement and relief soon. Some of them are already showing signs of breaking under the strain. The Church at home has no right to expect its missionaries to do double service year after year. The obvious reality must be faced by the Church. We must either reinforce some of our work or abandon it. There is no other decent alternative.

In spite of all the confusion of the present time the China Mission had one of the best years it has ever had. Every department of the work is prospering.

A little lesson in Chinese is necessitated when we think of our China Mission. The names of the cities of our main stations have been changed. The old names of these cities have been restored. Yochow is now Yoyang; Shenchow is now Yuanling.

Our evangelistic missionaries report intense and unusual interest in spiritual affairs and in the message of the Church. In our main churches and in our out-stations baptisms have been many. Our four high schools, Huping and Eastview for boys, and Ziemer and Chenteh for girls, at our two main stations, Yoyang and Yuanling, are filled with students. Our difficulty is to accommodate them. Report comes that our primary schools associated with these high schools are larger than ever. A recent letter from Dr. P. V. Taylor, our representative at Central China College, two hundred miles down the river at Wuchang, in the midst of war activity and constant bombing, reveals the fact that Central China College has three times the enrollment it had expected under the emergency and hardly knows what to do with its students.

Of course, all hospitals in China these days are filled to the limit. This is true of Hoy Memorial Hospital at Yoyang and Abounding Grace Hospital at Yuanling. Reports from each of these hospitals tell of the need for more beds and more space for service to the sick in Christ's name. Each of these hospitals ought to have some extra support these days in order to enable them to take advantage of the special opportunities for service which present themselves daily.

In all of this commotion of war and in all the subsequent sufferings which accompany it, the record of the Christian Church in China stands out in significant and inspiring prominence. The Christian Church of the world can well be proud of the Christian Church of China in this emergency. The Christian churches have been in the forefront in every effort for the alleviation of human suffering of body, mind and soul. Missionaries in war-stricken areas, especially Christian doctors and nurses, have stayed at their posts through unbelievable difficulties. Christian missionaries and pastors have organized refugee and relief work with astonishing success. The Chinese people know this and they will not forget. From all over China come expressions of admiration and appreciation of what the Christian Church is doing in this crisis. It is possible that God may yet cause the wrath of men to praise Him.

It is absolutely essential right now that the Church here at home support and sustain our missionaries and their Chinese co-laborers in the Church of Christ in China.

### The United Mission in Mesopotamia

The annual report of the United Mission in Mesopotamia concludes as follows: "On the whole, the Mission is in a healthy condition and believes that its work is more important than ever. In these days when so many factors tend to concentrate the attention of the people on nationalism,

especially the political and economic aspects of it, with the increasing emphasis on racial discriminations, we dare not relax the effort to call men to the discipleship of Christ and nations to the one true Kingdom which knows no distinctions of race. Anew we devote ourselves to this work, counting on the necessary support, material and spiritual, from our home churches."

We are very glad to report that the Reformed Church has a new representative in the United Mission in Mesopotamia in the person of Miss Elisabeth R. Calverley who went to the field last fall and is assigned to the Girls' School in Baghdad. Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Glessner are in charge of the evangelistic station in Kirkuk. In their annual personal report Mr. and Mrs. Glessner say, "The year which has just closed has, like all other years, had its hopes and disappointments, its joys and its heartaches. Our activities have been much the same as in former years, all with an eye to widening our circle of friends and our scope of individual contacts. In a situation such as our Mission faces, a lot of our work must be carried on in an informal way. The Dodge 'Bible Wagon' has been our old stand-by, carrying us up and down the desert in all kinds of weather."

### Missionary Personnel

*Deaths:* It is with sincere sorrow that the Board is compelled to record the death of two of its veteran missionaries. Mr. Frederick B. Nicodemus, for many years teacher in North Japan College, died September 23, 1937, at Claremont, California, where he had been invalided home earlier in the year. Mary Ault Hoy, of Yoyang, China, the widow of Dr. William E. Hoy, died in the hospital at Hankow, China, November 5, 1937. Mrs. Hoy was the oldest in service of our entire missionary personnel, having been a pioneer in both the Japan and China Missions.

*New Missionaries:* During the past year our missionary force in China was augmented by the election of the following new missionaries: Miss Gertrude M. Zenk, Rev. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Kohler, and Dr. and Mrs. R. Pierce Beaver. Miss Zenk had already started on her journey when hostilities broke out in China and she has been detained in Hongkong where she is spending her time studying the language. Mr. and Mrs. Kohler and Dr. and Mrs. Beaver are awaiting the time when circumstances will permit their going to China. Miss Elisabeth R. Calverley was assigned to Iraq.

Miss Margaret R. Kriete has been appointed to Miyagi College, Sendai, Japan.

*Missionaries Returning:* The following missionaries returned to their fields of labor this past year: Dr. P. V. Taylor, China; Miss Mary E. Gerhard, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. George S. Noss, Japan; Dr. and Mrs. William G. Seiple, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Ankeney, Japan. Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Schneder, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Zaugg, and Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Schroer will return to their fields of labor in Japan this summer.

*Missionaries at Home:* The following missionaries from China are now on furlough or forced leave in the United States: Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Beck, Mrs. P. V. Taylor, Miss Alice E. Traub, Rev. and Mrs. T. F. H. Hilgeman, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Beck, and Mrs. P. E. Keller.

## The Financial Situation

It is a source of sincere gratification for the Board to be able to announce to the Church that its financial condition has continued to improve during the past year. In the year 1937 the Board balanced its budget and lived within its income. All of its budget expenses, including the salaries of the missionaries, were paid promptly each month. The following summary will give the Synod an idea of the financial affairs of the Board during the past year:

The Board received on the apportionment in 1937, $159,243.47. This was distributed among the Synods as follows: Eastern Synod, $65,873.98; Ohio Synod, $29,170.02; Synod of the Northwest, $7,274.73; Pittsburgh Synod, $17,004.42; Potomac Synod, $30,667.56; Synod of the Mid-West, $9,252.76. This is an increase of $5,542.24 over the year 1936. Potomac Synod paid 55% of its apportionment for Foreign Missions; Pittsburgh Synod, 53%; Ohio Synod, 48%; Mid-West Synod, 45%; Eastern Synod, 43%; and Northwest Synod, 28%.

The total receipts in the general fund for 1937, from which the budget items of the Board are paid, were $236,293.15; the budget expenditures were $236,265.00; showing a budget balance in the general fund of $28.15, which, to be sure, is not much, but is on the right side.

The gross receipts of the Board for the year 1937 were $311,233.86, an increase over the year 1936 of $64,476.65.

It is impossible to state the exact amount of the deficit of the Board because of the fact that it varies week by week according to the receipts and the expenditures on the mission field; but at this writing, April 1, the deficit is in round numbers $80,000.00.

## Annuity Gifts

The Board of Foreign Missions desires to call especial attention this Centennial year to the matter of annuity gifts. During the year 1937, on account of lapse through death or cancellation as gifts, the annuities of the Board were reduced $30,035.00, leaving the present annuities in force with the Board as $180,023.90. The Board would urge upon the attention of the devoted servants of the Church during this Centennial year the advisability and desirability of contributing annuity gifts to the Board. If every pastor in the Church would secure just one, even small, annuity gift, the whole indebtedness of the Board could be financed. This is not at all beyond the range of the ability of the Church. There are enough consecrated members of the Church who would be willing to invest money in the Kingdom of God through the Board if they could be located and approached. Pastors and elders are earnestly requested to act as the Board's agents in the finding of these prospective annuity donors.

## The Woman's Missionary Society

The Board and the Church at large owe much to the Woman's Missionary Society for its continued and its loyal support. Without the generous contributions received from the Woman's Missionary Society, which

amounted to $66,822.77 during the year 1937, the Board of Foreign Missions would be unable to carry on some of its most promising work.

### Missionary Education

The newly-organized Co-operative Council of Missionary Education, under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, the Board of Christian Education, the Woman's Missionary Society, the Woman's Union, and the Churchmen's Brotherhood, has been functioning under the direction of Rev. David D. Baker since June 1, 1937, and has already made most valuable contributions to missionary education through the periodicals and publications of the Church and the integration of missionary education into the total educational program of the Church.

The Foreign Mission theme for interdenominational mission study during the coming year is "India." This theme comes at a most opportune time for the Reformed constituency of the united Church in that it will enable us to gain first-hand and much-desired information concerning the Mission which the Evangelical Synod of North America has conducted with such success in India.

In addition to the usual interdenominational text-books which will be used at the various missionary conferences, church schools and camps during the year, a number of stereopticon and motion-picture lectures are available. The Board of International Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church now has fifteen motion-picture reels on India, thirteen on Japan, six on China, four on Iraq, three on Honduras, three on Africa, and three on the Moslem World. In addition to these, there will be available by the coming fall several other reels. This is one of the largest and finest collections of motion-picture films of any denomination in America. Congregations are urged to avail themselves of the use of these pictures.

### The Outlook of Missions

The "Outlook of Missions," now in its thirtieth year, continues to prove a valuable means of promoting missionary activity and providing material for missionary education. The Boards of both branches of the Church, as well as the General Synod at its sessions at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, have gone on record as commending the publication of a missionary periodical for the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

### The United Church

One of the most inspiring prospects before the Church is the consummation of the union of the Boards of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States. Pursuant to the action of the last General Synod, representatives of both Boards of Foreign Missions of the united Church have organized a Board of International Missions as a joint consultative and administrative agency of the two Boards until the action of the General Synod makes it possible for them to form a corporate union. This new Board has appointed various committees for the purpose of making arrangements for the union of the work of the two Boards, and most encouraging and commendable

progress has been made. The new world field presented to the Church by this union should prove an inspiration to the whole Church.

**Call to Prayer**

The present situation in the mission fields to which we are especially bound by ties of service calls for more wisdom and skill and power than are available from human resources. The Church must tap the hitherto-unreached and ever-available resources of God, remembering that "the resources of God are promised to those who attempt the program of God." Every letter from our representatives on the foreign field contains the old request of the missionary church which has come down through the ages from its first great missionary: "Brethren, pray for us." There ought to arise from the Church these days a great volume of intercessory prayer for the Board of Foreign Missions, our missionaries, and our Christian brethren of the national Churches on the mission field.

**The Prospect**

The foreign mission enterprise faces a critical and challenging world situation, both abroad and at home. Missionaries and missionary administrators are confronted with new problems, the solution of which is of superlative consequence. Your missionaries and your Board bespeak from the Church her abiding interest, sincere confidence, loyal support, and earnest prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. CREITZ, President
A. V. CASSELMAN, Secretary

April 1, 1938.

## Exhibit V

# THE ORPHANS' HOME

### Report of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Wayne Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, Ind.

To the Reverend Synods: Northwest, Mid-West, Ohio, and Eastern.
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Dear Fathers and Brethren: It is with a sense of deepest gratitude that we humbly submit this our fifty-fifth annual report. In the year just closed we have again most definitely experienced the loving care and the providential provision of our Father-God, in caring for our large and interesting family, for which we are profoundly thankful. With the exception of a few minor cases, we have enjoyed good health in the Home, and again for the second time during the twelve years service of the undersigned on this board, we were permitted to close the year with all bills paid and a balance in the treasury. The Board of Trustees herewith wishes to express its hearty appreciation to the co-operating churches and to our many friends for their prayers and their gifts.

More and more praise and expressions of satisfaction come to our attention by our many friends, who have seen and examined our new building, for that is what it practically is. It stands today as a monument of God's grace and the loving sympathy of our many friends in the Church and the vicinity of Fort Wayne.

Some urgently needed changes and repairs have been made during the year. The Administration Building was re-wired to comply with the insurance code. The garage has been greatly enlarged and improved so as to give more room and shelter for trucks, busses and cars. The old coal sheds have been removed and better arrangements made for handling the coal. Stokers take care of our furnaces in the central heating plant and in the school building. The laundry has been moved to the basement of the administration building and new equipment added, so that today our laundry is in first class condition to do efficient work. The second floor of the former laundry building has been renovated and is now being used by the band for rehearsals. We were also able to secure a used shoe repair outfit, that was in good condition and this will add greatly to keeping our boys and girls shod, and help some of the boys in mechanical ability. Our wood work shop is gradually being equipped with tools and implements that help the boys employ themselves profitably, and keep out of mischief. All buildings are now equipped with fire extinguishers.

Our school children up to and including the eighth grade are housed in what was formerly the Baby Cottage, but which has been converted into a two room school building. The teachers are furnished by the township, and the school is under the supervision of the County Superintendent. About eighteen of our boys and girls are students of the North Side High

School of Fort Wayne, and are doing creditable work. We try to give our boys and girls the best possible training that we can, so that when they leave the Home, they may find vocations for which they are individually suited.

Besides the secular training and education, they also are being trained in the fundamentals of the Christian Religion and nurture. The Fort Wayne churches are sharing this responsibility with the Home, and are doing all they can to instruct and interest the children in faith and practice. The Board sincerely appreciates this splendid co-operation of the Fort Wayne churches. The musical training of the children is progressing under the supervision of Mr. Henley and the governesses.

We respectfully call your attention to the annual report of the Treasurer which has been duly audited. At the same time we respectfully solicit the co-operation of pastors and elders in recommending our Annuity Plan, which provides safety of investment, a generous return, and a regularity of income. And besides this our Annuity Plan provides peace of mind and a personal satisfaction in helping boys and girls, deprived otherwise of home and spiritual training, to a useful life in the Kingdom of God. Write to the Superintendent for rates and information. We also recommend to our many friends that the Home be remembered in their last will and testaments. The legacies left us this past year have come as a God-send, just in the nick of time to help out in a difficult situation.

We also recommend to all of our friends in the churches and Sunday-schools the hearty support of the Home with gifts and prayers and the usual Christmas offering, which should at least approximate twenty-five cents per member.

In closing this report the undersigned wishes personally to voice his appreciation for the hearty co-operation he has received during the twelve years of his service on the board. They have been difficult years, the years of the depression, but we praise God for his abundant mercy, and for the privileges and opportunities which are ours in Christ Jesus.

We call attention to the expiration of the term of office of the following members of the Board of Trustees:

Northwest Synod—Elder John Dick.
Mid-West Synod—Elder Jacob Bill.
Ohio Synod—Rev. Otto Stockmeier.
Eastern Synod—Rev. Rudolph Chatlos.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. H. SAUERWEIN, President.

Fort Wayne, Ind., February 8, 1938.

## Superintendent's Report for 1937

February 3, 1938.

The Honorable Board of Trustees of the Ft. Wayne Orphans' Home.

DEAR BRETHREN: At the end of another year in the history of the Fort Wayne Orphans' Home we lift our hearts in gratitude to our God and Father who has so wonderfully cared for us and who has supplied every need.

We are very thankful for all the gifts received from our churches and friends. These gifts have made it possible to care and provide for about one hundred children during this past year. Eighty-six children were in our Home at the beginning of the year. Twenty-two children left the Home, and seventeen entered during the year, leaving eighty-one children in the Home at the end of 1937.

Our children of school age attended the grade school on our grounds and high schools in Fort Wayne. Seventeen attended high school.

On Sunday we attend Sunday-school and church services at St. John's and Salem Reformed Churches, because these two churches are nearer the Home. Children of the required ages attend catechetical instruction at both churches on Saturdays.

Our band and orchestra under the direction of Mr. J. M. Henley, gave concerts in many of our churches in Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana. They also played at the meeting of Mid-West Synod at Mission House College.

Our farm is making itself pay in several ways. It furnishes milk, eggs, meat and other food. It gives constructive work to our older boys, and gives them an opportunity to learn practical farm work. Mr. Fetter is doing most excellent work in leading the boys under his supervision and in managing the farm.

We are gradually acquiring an efficient staff for the care and supervision of the children, and for the other necessary work. We urge the members of our Board to make the acquaintance of all our staff members.

Various improvements were made during the year. Besides the regular upkeep and minor alterations, the entire administration building was re-wired to comply with the insurance code. The required number of fire extinguishers was installed in all buildings. The laundry was moved into the idle basement of the girls' building, and some needed equipment added. The former ironing room in the boiler and garage building has been remodeled into a very fine band room. Now these organizations can be moved out of the gymnasium, and this can be used for its rightful purpose again. The old lower laundry machine room is being arranged for necessary garage room.

As far as can be seen now, all important changes and repairs will now be finished. Only the regular upkeep will be necessary. But this is not a small item when we consider the fact that there are well over one hundred rooms to be kept in paint and repair, besides basement rooms. Added to this is the outside woodwork of all buildings.

We have tried to keep all property in reasonably good order and condition. One of the boys' rooms will need a new floor. Our shoemaker needs a shoe sewing machine. These are not big items.

The health of staff and children has been good. One boy was operated for appendicitis on a band trip. It seems now that he did not have appendicitis, but hot weather stomach derangements as had many of the other band members. One boy had a broken arm which required expensive treatment.

We are very glad and thankful that we were able to finish the year

without borrowing money. Toward the end of October our finances were low, so that we would not have been able to take care of the coming bills. A $3,000 legacy, and other gifts, came to us soon after this and helped us finish the year with a small balance.

But there are old outstanding notes amounting to nearly $6,000. These should be paid as soon as possible. During the year we were able to pay off one of these notes amounting to $500.

Our four Synods gave us a little over $16,000, just a little over half of our needs. The other receipts came from individuals in gifts and legacies. In view of this fact we would ask the Honorable Board of Trustees to bring our needs before our churches, asking them to try their best to reach the minimum of 25c per member for the Orphans' Home, in their Christmas offerings or otherwise.

We would also ask our pastors to encourage gifts from individuals and societies, and acquaint their people with our Annuity Bonds. Since legacies have been of great help to us the last few years, we would also ask our pastors to remind their people of our Orphans' Home with a view of remembering the Orphans' Home in their last will and testament.

We appreciate all our churches and friends have done for our Orphans' Home. We face the new year with courage and faith, and a prayer to our God for strength and wisdom.

Respectfully,

A. Stienecker

## Treasurer's Report, Fort Wayne Orphans' Home

## A. Stienecker, Treasurer, 1937

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance, January 1, 1937 | | $ 2,070.26 |
| *Cash Receipts:* | | |
| Child Support | $4,013.59 | |
| Anniversary Day | 435.71 | |
| Miscellaneous | 557.22 | |
| Farm receipts | 1,331.71 | |
| Band and Orchestra | 1,624.93 | |
| Estates total | 6,241.91 | |
| Mortgages, Notes, Int. | 1,047.85 | |
| Synods: | | |
| Northwest | 5,305.62 | |
| Mid-West | 2,912.30 | |
| Ohio | 8,134.03 | |
| Eastern | 327.58 | 31,932.45 |
| | | 34,002.71 |
| *Disbursements:* | | |
| Administrative | $2,740.27 | |
| Financial | 1,483.67 | |
| Child Care: | | |
| Food | 3,542.75 | |
| Clothing | 1,137.33 | |
| House Supplies | 414.69 | |
| Medical | 514.35 | |
| Miscellaneous | 177.65 | |
| Shoe Repair | 115.98 | |
| Salaries | 6,549.65 | |
| Improvements: | | |
| Buildings and Grounds | 142.51 | |
| Home Equipment | 1,582.01 | |
| Autos and Trucks | 239.29 | |
| Repairs: | | |
| Home Equipment | 871.86 | |
| Autos and Trucks | 207.84 | |
| Education: | | |
| Tuitions, Supplies, Musical, Misc. | 1,680.79 | |
| Farm: | | |
| Supplies, Feed, Live-stock, Salaries, Machinery | 2,604.05 | |
| Heat, Light, Power | 3,077.62 | |
| General: | | |
| Office Supplies, Insurance, Real Estate, Misc. | 1,452.90 | 28,535.21 |
| Balance, January 1, 1938 | | $ 5,467.50 |
| Mary Louise Hertig Fund Balance, January 1, 1938 | | $ 1,630.25 |
| Special Fire Fund Balance, January 1, 1938 | | $ 250.84 |

## Exhibit VI

# THE HOME FOR THE AGED

### Report of the Home for the Aged, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, for the Year Ending December 31, 1937

To the Supporting Synods—Ohio, Mid-West, and Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: We are happy to report that the year 1937 was one of financial prosperity and therefore of debt reduction and of advance along other lines.

At the beginning of the year there was a balance in the treasury of $12,669.78. Of this amount $10,000.00 had been received from two bonding companies during the closing days of 1936.

At the same time there was a bonded indebtedness of $29,000.00 due within the year, a current expense and interest indebtedness of approximately $13,000.00 and notes at two banks aggregating $3,100.00, making a total of about $45,000.00.

By mutual agreement settlement was made with local creditors on current debts on the basis of 90 cents on the dollar. One note of $1,300.00 was redeemed for $500.00. First mortgage bonds held as collateral for a loan by the Security Home Trust Co., of Toledo, O., in amount $24,200.00, and exchanged for deposits in that bank after it was closed, were redeemed at an average of about 75 cents on the dollar. That bank has to date paid its depositors only 50 cents on the dollar. Generous concessions were also made during the bond reduction campaign by friends of the Home who had purchased bonds at par.

Due to these numerous concessions, a number of legacies and many other gifts from various sources, the Board of Trustees was able to completely refinance with a loan of only $12,500.00. There are accounts receivable in legacies, admission fees, etc., which will make possible the complete liquidation in another year or so. Fuller details will be found in the Financial Report which follows, and a complete account in the Annual Report which is to be printed and distributed in the near future.

The plan of operating the Home with a matron in charge and the cooperation of local officials of the Board in the work of administration has proved quite satisfactory and is to be continued. Mrs. Katherine E. Grether as matron is proving herself a friend of the old folks and is doing everything possible to make them contented and happy. She is also a congenial hostess to callers at the Home. The Secretary, Rev. Geo. W. Good, and the Treasurer, Mr. O. J. Weiker, are sharing in the work formerly done by the Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer. They are giving generously of their time to the Home.

One resident, Miss Anna Peifer, was called to her eternal home on April 29. She had resided at the Home just a little less than a year. Her former home was Upper Sandusky.

Five residents were received during the year as follows: Miss Jean Wormley, Upper Sandusky, O.; Mrs. Emma Reese, Wooster, O.; Mrs. Irene Brown, Poland, O.; Mrs. Margaret Nusbaum, Bucyrus, O., and Miss Della Sampsell, Marion, O. The number of residents now is 26.

Open House Day, October 7, brought many visitors to the Home, also a generous supply of fruits, vegetables, groceries and other useful articles, as well as generous contributions to the Automobile Fund. A Ford demonstration car, in fine condition, has been purchased, and Mrs. Grether is now a licensed driver.

The following legacies and special gifts were received during the year: Miss Emma Keilholtz, Tiffin, O., $212.00; Mrs. Elizabeth Stowe, Springboro, O., $1,044.64; Mr. M. L. Ruetenik, Cleveland, O., Home for the Aged bonds with interest coupons attached, par value $10,675.00; Rebecca S. Roney, Dayton, O., $500.00; Amelia Schneider, Toledo, O., $100.00; J. J. Jacoby, Galion, O., $3,000.00.

The Board of Trustees sincerely appreciates the new interest and generous support of the past year and solicits its continuance. To meet our current expenses we request that the old folks be generously remembered on Mother's Day and the continuance of an apportionment of 12 cents per member.

The realignment of the merged Church will in time change the sources of support for many, if not all, our institutions. However, until these regions of support are agreed upon and new loyalties developed, we must depend upon the congregations in the present supporting Synods for our support.

Members whose terms expire this year:

Ohio Synod—Rev. E. Sommerlatte
Mid-West Synod—Elder J. P. Mollet
Synod of the Northwest—Elder Wm. Rodewald

Respectfully submitted,

EWALD SOMMERLATTE, President.
GEO. W. GOOD, Secretary.

## THE HOME FOR THE AGED

### Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 1937

| | General Receipts | Legacies | Admission Fees | Money Borrowed | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January 1, 1937, Balance | 12,669.78 | | | | |
| January | 1,747.23 | 212.00 | 600.00 | | 2,559.23 |
| February | 375.53 | | | | 375.53 |
| March | 208.33 | | | | 208.33 |
| April | 724.22 | 1,044.64 | | | 1,768.86 |
| May | 573.75 | | | | 573.75 |
| June | 547.47 | | | | 547.47 |
| July | 359.63 | | | | 359.63 |
| August | 523.50 | | 1,350.00 | | 1,873.50 |
| September | 552.36 | | 320.00 | | 872.36 |
| October | 742.42 | | 500.00 | 11,400.00 | 12,642.42 |
| November | 1,355.86 | 3,600.00 | | | 4,955.86 |
| December | 1,352.09 | | 500.00 | | 1,852.09 |
| | 21,732.17 | 4,856.64 | 3,270.00 | 11,400.00 | 28,589.03 |
| Total balance and receipts | | | | | 41,258.81 |

Gifts in Bonds and Interest Coupons (Not Cash) in the Bond Redemption Campaign

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|---|---|
| M. L. Ruetenik, Bonds (Par Value) | $10,000.00 |
| Interest coupons | 675.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Troup | 161.25 |
| Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Shirer | 83.50 |
| Rev. S. P. Mauger and Mrs. E. V. Loucks | 60.75 |
| Miss Marian Sheidler and Brother | 56.75 |
| Rev. A. C. Shuman, D.D. | 56.75 |
| Mr. Geo. Ambuehl | 31.75 |
| Mr. E. G. Newell | 25.00 |
| Miss Laura Demann | 21.75 |
| Mrs. Martha Demann Kanne | 6.75 |
| Rev. John Egger | 8.75 |
| Mr. H. G. Homrighausen | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Sophia Neuenschwander | 1.75 |
| | $11,194.75 |

**Classification of Receipts**

Apportionment

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|---|---|---|
| **Mid-West Synod** | | |
| Chicago Classis | $ 86.26 | |
| Ft. Wayne Classis | 231.00 | |
| Indianapolis Classis | 279.13 | |
| Kentucky Classis | 117.06 | |
| Missouri-Kansas Classis | 15.00 | |
| | | 728.45 |
| **Northwest Synod** | | |
| California Classis | 35.20 | |
| Milwaukee Classis | 296.68 | |
| Minnesota Classis | 53.75 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Portland-Oregon Classis | 6.00 | |
| Sheboygan Classis | 371.26 | |
| South Dakota Classis | 48.40 | |
| Ursinus Classis | 63.00 | |
| West Canada Classis | 45.20 | |
| | | 919.49 |
| **Ohio Synod** | | |
| Central Ohio Classis | 296.45 | |
| East Ohio Classis | 890.00 | |
| Northeast Ohio Classis | 626.03 | |
| Northwest Ohio Classis | 346.30 | |
| Southwest Ohio Classis | 676.91 | |
| West Ohio Classis | 338.79 | |
| | | 3,174.48 |
| Total Apportionment | | $4,822.42 |

*Cnngregations:*

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| Heidelberg, Dayton, O. | $ 8.14 |
| St. John's, Tillamook, Ore. | 20.00 |
| Grace, Akron, O. | 131.54 |
| St. Paul's Bellevue, O. | 25.00 |
| Wilson Avenue, Columbus, O. | 5.00 |
| St. Matthew's, Cleveland, O. | 18.00 |
| Milton Avenue, Louisville, Ky. | 27.71 |
| First, Toledo, O. | 70.36 |
| First, Detroit, Mich. | 10.00 |
| Peace, Norfolk, Neb. | 14.80 |
| St. John's, Bluffton, O. | 10.00 |
| St. Paul's Ind., St. Marys, O. | 161.00 |
| First, Alliance, O. | 5.00 |
| Emanuel, Schiller, Ia. | 4.45 |
| First, Fremont, O. | 10.00 |
| Zion's Church and S. S., Helvetia, W. Va. | 15.00 |
| First, Olney, Ill. | 3.25 |
| Hope, Cosby, Mo. | 53.00 |
| Trinity, Cheney, Kan. | 5.88 |
| Zion, Prospect, O. | 10.91 |
| Christ, Orrville, O. | 52.08 |
| Olivet, Cleveland, O. | 42.50 |
| Grace, Chicago, Ill. | 7.66 |
| First, Galion, O. | 37.90 |
| St. Peter's, Huntington, Ind. | 1.00 |
| Grace, Detroit, Mich. | 2.00 |
| St. John's, Waldo, O. | 5.50 |
| St. Joseph's, Waldo, O. | 3.17 |
| St. John's, Holgate, O. | 17.25 |
| Second, Tiffin, O. | 18.25 |
| Goss Memorial, Barberton, O. | 28.65 |
| Emanuel, New Bavaria, O. | 9.58 |
| St. Peter's, Germano, O. | 5.40 |
| Beaver Creek, Xenia, O. | 19.44 |
| Peace, Galion, O. | 6.72 |
| Trinity, Wadsworth, O. | 15.75 |
| Reformed, Greenville, O. | 4.12 |
| Salem, Kenton, O. | 10.56 |

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| Zion, New Bremen, O. | 14.20 | |
| Reformed, Fulton, Mich. | 5.70 | |
| Salem, Carrothers, O. | 7.42 | |
| Immanuel, Norfolk, Neb. | 4.10 | |
| Zion, Dawson, Neb. | 10.10 | |
| Salem, Lafayette, Ind. | 53.70 | |
| Grace, Ft. Wayne, Ind. | 6.00 | |
| Emanuel, Upper Sandusky, O. | 8.66 | |
| Salem, Humboldt, Neb. | 9.25 | |
| Trinity, Los Angeles, Cal. | 10.00 | |
| Dialton, Springfield, O. | 2.13 | |
| First, Marion, O. | 17.17 | |
| Gruetli, Columbia, Neb. | 2.50 | |
| Bethel, Columbia, Neb. | 2.50 | |
| St. Jacob's, Lisbon, O. | 15.00 | |
| Zion, Fireside, O. | 1.00 | |
| Bloomville, Bloomville, O. | 12.50 | |
| Bethany, Salem, Ore. | 10.00 | |
| First, Lima, O. | 5.00 | |
| Hope, Harbine, Neb. | 6.10 | |
| Euclid, Cleveland, O. | 20.00 | |
| Salem, St. Louis, Mo. | 9.49 | |
| David's, Canal Winchester, O. | 15.33 | |
| Salem, Grace, and St. John's, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Union Thanksgiving service | 48.70 | |
| Sycamore, Sycamore, O. | 15.37 | |
| Ebenezer, Quincy, Wash. | 5.00 | |
| Eleventh, Cleveland, O. | 3.50 | |
| Hillsdale, Hillsdale, Ore. | 9.00 | |
| Third, Chicago, Ill. | 10.00 | |
| East Market St., Akron, O. | 16.45 | |
| Zion, North Canton, O. | 31.00 | |
| St. John's, Ft. Wayne, Ind. | 56.83 | |
| Total Congregations | | $1,340.27 |

*Sunday Schools:*

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| Women's Bible Class, St. John's, Ft. Wayne, Ind. | $ 5.00 |
| Searchlight Class, Christ, Orrville, O. | 5.00 |
| Bethany Class, Xenia, O. | 5.00 |
| Ever-Ready Class, Basil, O. | 5.00 |
| Trinity Church School, Upper Sandusky, O. | 29.02 |
| New Basel, Elmo, Kan. | 24.00 |
| First, Kenton, O. | 8.42 |
| Trinity, McCutchenville, O. | 13.08 |
| St. John's, Carrothers Charge, Bloomville, O. | 13.95 |
| St. Michael's, Basil, O. | 2.88 |
| Suffield, Uniontown Charge, Uniontown, O. | 4.50 |
| David's, Canal Winchester, O. | 21.59 |
| Loyal Women's Class, St. Paul's, E. Canton, O. | 13.00 |
| Israel's, Paris, O. | 35.66 |
| Sycamore. Sycamore, O. | 7.21 |
| Helpers Class, Bloomville, O. | 5.00 |
| Truth Seekers Class. Saron, Linton, Ind. | 5.00 |
| Men's Bible Class, First, Alliance, O. | 6.82 |
| Gleaner's Bible Class, Salem, Ft. Wayne, Ind. | 20.00 |
| Friendship Class, Third, Youngstown, O. | 5.00 |
| Grace, Lancaster, O. | 10.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Mable Mathes Bible Class, Grace, Toledo, O..... | 15.25 | |
| Primary Dept., Salem, Cincinnati, O.................. | 15.00 | |
| Irene Schluetze Bible Class, Salem, Toledo, O... | 5.00 | |
| German Bible Class, First, Canton, O................ | 10.00 | |
| Willing Workers Class, Salem, Plymouth, Wis. | 5.00 | |
| True-Blue Class, Trinity, Upper Sandusky, O. | 1.06 | |
| Dorcas Class, Trinity, Upper Sandusky, O........ | 5.00 | |
| Alert Bible Class, Goshen, Ind............................ | 5.00 | |
| Bretz Bible Class, Goshen, Ind. ......................... | 5.00 | |
| Mary-Martha Class, Trinity, Mulberry, Ind..... | 5.00 | |
| English Adult Bible Class, First, Akron, O....... | 27.00 | |
| Julius Schluter Class, Salem, Cincinnati, O...... | 5.00 | |
| Women's Bible Class, St. John's, Ft. Wayne...... | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Jno. N. Buehrer's Bible Class, Archbold, Ohio ............................................................... | 2.50 | |
| Miss Julia A. Schweibold, Treas., Xenia, O....... | 5.00 | |
| St. Paul's, Thornville, O........................................ | 15.00 | |
| Whetstone, Bucyrus, O. ....................................... | 22.00 | |
| Bethany Sisters Class, St. Paul's, Bellevue, O. | 15.15 | |
| Brotherhood Class, St. Paul's, Bellevue, O......... | 6.50 | |
| Class No. 2, Kenton, O........................................ | 1.50 | |
| Ever-Ready Class, Trinity, Thornville, O........... | 2.00 | |
| Harmony Class, Trinity, Thornville, O.............. | 3.00 | |
| Neher Bible Class, First, Canton, O.................. | 10.00 | |
| Lotus Class, First, Alliance, O............................ | 5.00 | |
| C. O. S. Class, First, Alliance, O........................ | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Louise Ritzman's Class, First, Alliance, Ohio ............................................................... | 3.00 | |
| Good Will Class, First, Canton, O...................... | 10.00 | |
| Friendly Circle Class, Christ, Orrville, O........... | 5.00 | |
| Ever-Ready Bible Class, First, Canton, O......... | 10.00 | |
| Excelsior Class, Christ, Orrville, O.................... | 10.00 | |
| Searchlight Class, Christ, Orrville, O................. | 5.00 | |
| Baraca Class, Christ, Orrville, O........................ | 2.10 | |
| Joy Bringers Class, Trinity, Upper Sandusky, O...................................................................... | 2.50 | |
| Total Sunday Schools................................................ | | $ 493.69 |

*Ladies' Aid Societies:*

| | |
|---|---|
| First, Waukesha, Wis. .......................................... | $ 30.00 |
| Calvary, Crestline, O. ........................................... | 10.00 |
| Tabetha Sociey, Calvary, Crestline, O.............. | 10.00 |
| Emanuel, New Bavaria, O.................................... | 5.00 |
| Eighth, Cleveland, O. ........................................... | 13.75 |
| Salem, New Middletown, Ind............................... | 5.00 |
| Salem, Toledo, O. ................................................. | 10.00 |
| New Basel, Elmo, Kan.......................................... | 5.00 |
| English, Zion, Sheboygan, Wis............................ | 5.00 |
| First, Canton, O. .................................................. | 20.00 |
| Second, Indianapolis, Ind. .................................. | 5.00 |
| Saron, Linton, Ind. .............................................. | 5.00 |
| Ladies' Guild, Sugar Creek, O.............................. | 5.00 |
| Trinity, Upper Sandusky, O................................. | 5.00 |
| Fourth, Cleveland, O. .......................................... | 13.50 |
| Grill, Canal Fulton, O. ........................................ | 10.00 |
| First, Detroit, Mich. ............................................. | 20.00 |
| Zion, New Bremen, O. .......................................... | 10.00 |
| Dorcas Society, First, Galion, O.......................... | 10.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Trinity and Emanuel, Upper Sandusky, O., Meals served on Open House Day | 71.00 | |
| First, Bellaire, O. | 5.00 | |
| Total Ladies' Aid Society | | $ 278.25 |

*Woman's Missionary Societies:*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First, Waukesha, Wis. | $ 35.00 | |
| First, Galion, O. | 75.00 | |
| W.M.S.G.S., Anna L. Jarrell, Treas., Ohio Synod | 5.00 | |
| W.M.S.G.S., Anna L. Jarrell, Treas., Northwest Synod | 5.00 | |
| W.M.S.G.S., Anna L. Jarrell, Treas. | 5.25 | |
| W.M.S.G.S., Anna L. Jarrell, Treas. | 10.00 | |
| Fort Seneca, Fort Seneca, O. | 3.00 | |
| Paris and Robertsville, Robertsville, O. | 14.00 | |
| First, Detroit, Mich. | 5.00 | |
| First, Akron, O. | 10.00 | |
| Magley, Ossian, Ind. | 2.75 | |
| Trinity, Canton, O. | 25.00 | |
| Christ, Orrville, O. | 10.00 | |
| First, Bellaire, O. | 5.00 | |
| Dorcas, Emanuel, Bluffton, O. | 5.00 | |
| Total Woman's Missionary Societies | | $ 215.00 |

*Young People's Societies:*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First, Waukesha, Wis. | $ 5.00 | |
| Total Young People's Societies | | $ 5.00 |

*Clubs:*

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|---|---|---|
| Pioneer Mothers' Club, New Glarus, Wis., In Memory of Antone Yeager, Sr. | $ 2.00 | |
| Woman's Music Club, Upper Sandusky, O. | 17.53 | |
| Rhodora Club, First, Detroit, Mich. | 10.00 | |
| Total Clubs | | $ 29.53 |

*Men's Organizations:*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Men's League, First, Waukesha, Wis. | $ 10.00 | |
| Total Men's Organizations | | $ 10.00 |

*Personal Gifts:*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Walter Otto, Akron, O. | $ 5.00 | |
| Mrs. L. B. Hartung, Canton, O. | 2.00 | |
| Mrs. Mary Tischhauser, Kansas City, Kan. | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Anna Kull, Detroit, Mich. | 25.00 | |
| Mrs. Louise K. Walenta, Milwaukee, Wis. | 12.00 | |
| Mrs. Lena Hostetler, Canton, O. | 1.00 | |
| Mr. M. Waltermeier, Toledo, O. | 1.00 | |
| Mr. and Mrs. John Schaub, Sandusky, O. | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Caroline R. Haupert, New Phila., O. | 15.00 | |
| Rev. and Mrs. C. Rufener, Helvetia, W. Va. | 10.00 | |
| St. Paul's, Ada, O. | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Mary Tischhauser, Milwaukee, Wis. | 5.00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Matilda Norwold, Canton, O. | 25.00 | |
| Rev. E. E. and Lena M. Weller, San Pedro, Cal. | 15.00 | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Lauman, Akron, O. | 10.00 | |
| Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Lohman, Rocky River, O. | 10.00 | |
| Mrs. Gairing, Cleveland, O. | 100.00 | |
| Mr. Simon Schumacher, Town Herman, Wis. | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. J. G. Stuckey, Prospect, O. | 2.00 | |
| Mr. Ernst Menke, Kiel, Wis. | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. G. H. Souder, Bloomville, O. | 5.00 | |
| Miss Alma Hagelskamp, Akron, O. | 5.00 | |
| Misses Anna and Katie Weinberg, Cincinnati, Ohio | 1.00 | |
| Mrs. Rose Brockie, New Bremen, O. | 5.00 | |
| Mr. David L. Houck, Cleveland, O. | 100.00 | |
| Mr. F. A. Ende, New Bremen, O. | 5.00 | |
| Miss Callie Altvater, Upper Sandusky, O. | 1.00 | |
| Mr. H. W. Rhoda, Lima, O. | 10.00 | |
| Miss Cook Coleman, Canton, O. | 1.00 | |
| Miss Sophia Hirsekorn, Dayton, O. | 1.00 | |
| Mrs. A. A. McClintock, Wilmot, O. | 10.00 | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Musser, Orrville, O. | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Frank Hoffman, Cleveland, O. | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Viola Meyers, Upper Sandusky, O. | 2.00 | |
| Mrs. Alice Lupton, Upper Sandusky, O. | 1.00 | |
| Mr. W. A. Bender, Nevada, O. | 10.00 | |
| Mrs. Ida Warden, Akron, O. | 2.00 | |
| Mr. F. W. Zeits, Lima, O. | 1.80 | |
| A Friend, Trinity, Tiffin, O. | 7.00 | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Feller, Ft. Wayne, Ind. | 5.00 | |
| Rev. Ewald Sommerlatte, Alliance, O. | 1.00 | |
| Mrs. M. L. Ruetenik, Cleveland, O., Purchase and gift | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Emma, Jane and Ruth Herbruck, Canton, Ohio | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Eva Einzman and Anna Einzman, Canton, O. | 20.00 | |
| Mrs. Amelia Schoeninger, Akron, O. | 5.00 | |
| Prof. A. D. Keller, Tiffin, O. | 1.00 | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Royal Schlott, Eustis, Fla. | 5.00 | |
| Mr. Fred Schmid, Orrville, O. | 5.00 | |
| Mr. J. J. Fauser, Bucyrus, O. | 1.00 | |
| Total Personal Gifts | | $ 488.80 |

*Admission Fees:*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Miss Jean Wormley | $ 600.00 | |
| Mrs. Irene E. Brown | 1,100.00 | |
| Miss Zade Swinehart (Balance) | 250.00 | |
| Mrs. Julia Foust (Balance) | 320.00 | |
| Mrs. Margaret Nussbaum | 500.00 | |
| Miss Della Sampsell | 500.00 | |
| Total Admission Fees | | $3,270.00 |

*Legacies:*

| | |
|---|---|
| Miss Emma Keilholtz, Tiffin, O. | $ 212.00 |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Stowe, Springboro, O. | 1,044.64 |
| Mrs. Rebecca Roney, Dayton, O. | 500.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Amelia Schneider, Toledo, O. | 100.00 | |
| Mr. J. J. Jacoby, Galion, O., (Partial Distribution) | 3,000.00 | |
| Total Legacies | | $ 4,856.64 |

*Division of Aid for the Aged:*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Margaret Nussbaum | $ 82.15 | |
| Total Aid for the Aged | | $ 82.15 |

*Sale of Real Estate:*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lillian Dean property, Akron, O., (Balance) | $ 35.65 | |
| Minnie Jasper property, Ft. Wayne, Ind. | 286.93 | |
| Total Sale of Real Estate | | $ 322.58 |

*Bonds and Savings of Residents:*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Emma Reese, bonds and interest | $ 216.44 | |
| Mrs. Elese Bartenick, deceased, savings and cash | 499.19 | |
| Miss Anna Peifer, deceased, savings | 55.55 | |
| Total Bonds and Savings of Residents | | $ 771.18 |

*Home Products Sold and Automobile Bank:*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Handwork of residents and Automobile Bank | $ 37.71 | |
| Corn sold | 18.00 | |
| Meals, etc. | 16.00 | |
| Total Home Products and Automobile Bank | | $ 71.71 |

*Refunds:*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Security Home Trust Co. (Interest) | $ 81.00 | |
| Mrs. J. R. Thomas and Miss Sophia Hellner | 10.00 | |
| Security Mutual Insurance Co. (Surrender value Policy No. 256306) | 35.46 | |
| Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. (W. E. Fickes) | 2.70 | |
| H. G. Homrighausen (Interest Coupon) | 2.25 | |
| Upper Sandusky Post Office (Lock Box key) | .40 | |
| Total Refunds | | $ 131.81 |
| Total Cash Receipts | | $17,189.03 |

*Loans:*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First Mortgage loan, Citizens Savings Bank | $8,400.00 | |
| Loan by personal indorsement of Ex. Com. | 3,000.00 | |
| | | $11,400.00 |

SUMMARY

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|---|---|
| Total of all receipts | $41,258.81 |
| Total Expenditures | 40,010.01 |
| Balance, January 1, 1938 | $ 1,248.80 |

### Expenditures Classified

| Item | Amount |
|---|---|
| Food | $ 1,715.48 |
| Fuel | 2,546.73 |
| Electricity | 793.00 |
| Travel | 292.86 |
| Labor and Salaries | 7,771.43 |
| Telephone | 46.17 |
| Water | 485.27 |
| Poultry Feed | 44.36 |
| Legal and Auditing | 1,458.95 |
| Postage | 67.86 |
| Insurance and Bonds | 467.62 |
| Repairs and Supplies | 433.42 |
| Old Age Benefits | 38.40 |
| Annuity Interest | 1,592.30 |
| Other Interest | 129.37 |
| Bond Interest | 2,371.31 |
| Burials | 1,472.25 |
| Medical | 1,137.33 |
| Miscellaneous | 64.70 |
| Central Publishing House | 52.60 |
| Car Rental and Expenses | 45.21 |
| Secretary's Expenses | 16.15 |
| Note at First National Bank | 1,835.56 |
| Bank Service | 20.28 |
| Note at Toledo Trust Company | 500.00 |
| Printing | 56.40 |
| Bonds Retired | 14,555.00 |
| Total | $40,010.01 |

The above expenditures include approximately $14,250.00 paid during the year on obligations of prior years in addition to the amount paid for the retirement of Bonds.

### BALANCE SHEET — December 31, 1937

#### Assets

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Current* | | |
| Cash in Banks | | $ 1,248.80 |
| Legacies Receivable | | 8,000.00 |
| *Notes and Land Contracts* | | |
| Note—Fairlawn Heights, Akron, Ohio | $ 500.00 | |
| Minnie Jasper Land Contract | 1,800.00 | 2,300.00 |
| Total Current Assets | | 11,548.80 |
| *Fixed* | | |
| House and Lot—Akron, Ohio | 1,000.00 | |
| Land and Buildings—Upper Sandusky, Ohio | 115,000.00 | |
| | | 116,000.00 |
| *Other* | | |
| Stock—Wooster National Bank | 64.00 | |
| Stock—Cummings Bank, Carrollton, Ohio | 100.00 | |
| Stock—The Home Building Savings and Loan Co., Marion, Ohio | 1,260.00 | |
| | | 1,424.00 |
| Total Assets | | $128,972.80 |

**Liabilities and Net Worth**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Current Liabilities* | | | |
| Notes Payable | | 4,100.00 | |
| *Fixed Liabilities* | | | |
| Mortgage Payable | | 8,400.00 | |
| *Annuity Loans* | | | |
| Residents | $6,896.00 | | |
| Non-Residents | 8,750.00 | 15,646.00 | |
| Total Liabilities | | | 28,146.00 |
| *Net Worth* | | | |
| Excess of Assets over Liabilities | | | 100,826.80 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Worth | | | $128,972.80 |

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. GOOD, Secretary
OSCAR J. WEIKER, Treasurer

## Exhibit VII

# MINISTERIAL RELIEF

## The Annual Statement of the Board of Ministerial Relief

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The year 1937 was a good year for the Board of Ministerial Relief. It was a better year than the year 1936, and in some respects the best year the Board has ever had. God has richly blessed us. The friends of our Board have increased. Confidence in our Board and its work advanced perceptibly. At the close of 1937 we were further on our way toward the adequate support of our aged and disabled ministers and their widows than we were at the close of 1936. All of this is most encouraging and augurs well for the future.

### Past and Future

Inasmuch as this may be the last Statement that the Board of Ministerial Relief can make to your Synod, we look backward and forward with mingled feelings. Turning the pages of the history of Ministerial Relief, from its beginning at the Coetus in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in the year 1752, there unfolds before us a fascinating romance. The perusal of the adventures and advances of Ministerial Relief in our beloved Reformed Church is thrilling. The heroism and the hardships of the faithful few in our Ministerial Relief adventures, especially the earliest, remind us of the great Hero Chapter in Hebrews. Advance after advance has been made by a small army of Big Brothers, but at a cost of much sacrifice and suffering. We hail the Crusaders, who have struggled to provide adequate food, clothing, and shelter for our Veterans of the Cross, who in turn have laid down their lives for their Lord and Master and for their fellowmen.

We regret that we have come to the close of a noble adventure in the Reformed Church; but we rejoice in the prospect of a more beneficent future in the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The past of Ministerial Relief in our beloved old Zion is glorious, despite its slow progress; but the future of Ministerial Relief in our new Zion will be more glorious. A new and better day for Ministerial Relief is dawning. The harvest is ripe. All that we need is more laborers to put in the sickle and to reap the ripened grain. We put our trust for a more glorious future of Ministerial Relief in our kind Heavenly Father, in our brother ministers, and in our fellow members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Surely God will richly bless every devotee of our holy cause, as He has done in the past.

### The Purpose of Ministerial Relief

The simple Samoan islanders built a road with much hard labor for their friend, Robert Louis Stevenson, from his home in the brush to the beach, and named it "The Road of the Loving Heart." The purpose of Ministerial Relief is to build "The Road of the Loving Heart" for our ministers from the time they become aged or disabled until the time when

we say of them tenderly, as Mr. Stevenson said, and is graven on his tomb:

"Home is the sailor, home from the sea,
And the hunter, home from the hill."

But how often do we send our ministers to their Father's House over "The Way of Sorrow." No one knows the disappointment, the anxiety, and the anguish of our aged and disabled ministers, when they learn that our Church has provided a pittance for the closing days of their faithful careers. Let us abandon "The Way of Sorrow" for our veteran ministers, and build for them "The Road of the Loving Heart," "The Loving and Abundant Way," for the sunset journey of their lives.

**Annuitants and Their Annuities**

During 1937 the Board helped the largest number of veteran ministers and widows of ministers in its entire history. To 253 Relief annuitants we gave $46,044.67, and to 237 Sustentation Fund annuitants we gave $36,418.12.

We are proud of the fact that our Board has paid everything it promised in annuities at the very time it was promised. Up to December 31, 1937, our Board paid $1,123,398.98 in annuities to 919 veteran ministers and widows and minor orphan children of our ministers.

**Relief Department**

Everybody today knows the meaning of "Relief." It is the giving of help to those who really need it. Many of our aged and disabled ministers are actually in need, and therefore we give them Ministerial Relief. We give them every cent we receive from the Apportionment, and add as much more as possible. But out of all the money that the Board could gather together in 1937, it could give 253 aged and disabled ministers and widows of ministers only an average of $3.50 a week, against $4.80 a week in Relief given by the State of Pennsylvania.

**The Apportionment**

The amount received during 1937 on the Apportionment of $80,465.-96 was $37,340.58. The Apportionment receipts by Synods are shown in the following table:

| *Synod* | *Apportionment* | *Apportionment Paid* | *Apportionment Unpaid* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern | $35,576.86 | $15,704.42 — 44% | $19,872.44 |
| Potomac | 12,807.55 | 7,063.89 — 55% | 5.743.66 |
| Pittsburgh | 7,407.84 | 3,735.93 — 50% | 3,671.91 |
| Ohio | 13,888.09 | 6,046.14 — 43% | 7,841.95 |
| Mid-West | 4,703.96 | 2,438.74 — 51% | 2,265.22 |
| Northwest | 6,081.66 | 2,351.46 — 39% | 3,730.20 |
| | $80,465.96 | $37,340.58 — 47% | $43,125.38 |

Do the above receipts really represent the ability and doctrine of our respective Synods? We hope not.

Your Board, instead of receiving $37,340.58 a year through the Apportionment, should receive about $100,000.00 a year, in order to provide our veteran ministers and their widows with adequate annuities.

### Sustentation Fund

Every minister and nearly every Church member should know that our Sustentation Fund is a pension fund, into which our ministers are asked to pay dues, and our Church is asked to pay four times the amount of these dues, in order to provide the maximum benefits of the Fund at the age of seventy, or at disability before seventy, for our ministers; and at the death of our ministers, 60% of their benefits for their widows.

Although our Sustentation Fund never has been fully financed, and never has been able to pay more than 50% of its maximum benefits regularly, the benefits nevertheless have been increased by the Board from 20% in 1920 to 50% in 1932, as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1917-1920 — 20% | (70 Year Annuitants — $100.00) |
| 1920-1925 — 31% | (70 Year Annuitants — 155.00) |
| 1925-1929 — 36% | (70 Year Annuitants — 180.00) |
| 1929-1930 — 45% | (70 Year Annuitants — 225.00) |
| 1930-1932 — 49% | (70 Year Annuitants — 245.00) |
| 1932 onward—50% | (70 Year Annuitants — 250.00) |

While the total assets of our Sustentation Fund on December 31, 1937, were $1,456,638.58, counting investments at par, the Actuary of our Board tells us that $1,144,383.82 more are needed in order to pay the benefits 100% to the members of the Fund. Is this a deficit or a default of our Church? We believe it is a deficit, which the Church will pay some day in some way.

### A Strong Healthy Pension Fund

Why do not our Sustentation Fund annuitants receive their 100% annuities? What is wrong? After a careful diagnosis it has been found that our Sustentation Fund is suffering from financial anemia. The dues of our Sustentation Fund are its white corpuscles and the contributions of our Church members are its red corpuscles. Because of the insufficient contributions of our Church members, our Sustentation Fund lacks 50% in red corpuscles. For this reason our Sustentation Fund lacks the strength to pay regularly more than 50% of its maximum benefits. What is the remedy? A transfusion of red corpuscles in the form of periodic contributions to our Sustentation Fund by each congregation. No pension fund can ever pay its benefits in full unless the members of the Fund pay their share in full and the members of the Church also pay their share in full. Let us solemnly agree that when the new Church Pension Fund is established by our Evangelical and Reformed Church, the members of the Fund and the members of the Church each will pay their obligations in full year by year.

### Additional Benefit Reserve

The Additional Benefit Reserve of our Sustentation Fund was put into operation on January 1, 1933, in order to have a regular flow of red corpuscles into our Sustentation Fund. The purpose of this Reserve is to increase the benefits of the members of our Sustentation Fund by means of contributions by our Church members through their congregations and Classes.

This Reserve has succeeded remarkably well and has put new life in-

to our Sustentation Fund. On December 31, 1937, a total of 270 congregations had paid $36,708.75 in cash and securities in order to increase the benefits of their 237 pastors. This is 73 more congregations and 72 more pastors than in 1936. Thus far six Classes of the Eastern Synod, two Classes of the Potomac Synod, and two Classes of the Ohio Synod have made definite plans to increase the benefits of the members of the Sustentation Fund in their respective Classes through this Reserve.

During 1937 benefits were paid from the Additional Benefit Reserve as follows: to 20 70-year ministers $605.54; to 5 disabled ministers $32.58; and to 6 widows of ministers $38.17; a total of $676.29 paid to 31 annuitants, against $165.76 paid to 18 annuitants in 1936; $58.65 paid to 10 annuitants in 1935; and $14.15 paid to 5 annuitants in 1934. By means of the Additional Benefit Reserve one member of the Sustentation Fund now is receiving $500.00 a year from the Fund, another member will receive over $500.00 on July 24, 1938, and other members will receive $500.00 or more in later years.

**Finances of the Board**

The Certified Public Accountant of the Board says: "All cash receipts have been compared with bank deposits. Disbursements have been verified by comparison with checks issued and bank statements. Cash balances have been reconciled. Net excess of Assets over Liabilities and Reserves is $100,579.56."

Mr. George A. Huggins, for many years the Actuary of our Board, and the author of the proposed new Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, again made the "Valuation of our Sustentation Fund" and found an improvement in it over 1936.

The total assets of the Board on December 31, 1937, were $1,604,933.23, counting the investments at par. Large as this amount may seem to some, it is only one-fourth as much as our Reformed Church Group needs in order to pay benefits equivalent to those paid by some other denominations, such as the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and the Protestant Episcopal Church. Our Reformed Church Group is about 15% as large as the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. in ministers and Church members. The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. in 1937 had total funds of $40,230,691.00. Therefore our Board of Ministerial Relief should have 15% thereof, or $6,034,603.65, against the $1,604,933.24 it now has.

In each of the five departments of our Board, the investments at cost during 1937 were increased over those of 1936 in the amount of $89,056.18, as follows: (1) Members' Reserve $30,793.51; (2) Church's Reserve $20,709.74; (3) Additional Benefit Reserve $15,146.38; (4) Annuity Bond Account $12,820.17; and (5) Relief Department $9,586.38.

The net profit on investments purchased and sold during 1937 was $22,377.17. The total net profit on investments bought and sold from June 1, 1920, to December 31, 1937, was $227,639.70, which is $11,512.55 more than the total overhead expenses from the beginning of the Board on August 3, 1905, to December 31, 1937. The amount of interest received during 1937 was approximately 5% of the investments at cost.

During 1937 we received nine new Annuity Bonds, in the amount of $18,225.00. The total number of Annuity Bonds on December 31, 1937, was 88, for which $70,172.00 were paid. Our Annuity Bond Account is a separate and distinct account, and all of the assets of this account are kept separately and are invested in interest-bearing securities. This is the only sound principle of an Annuity Bond Account.

The Board received three bequests in 1937, in the amount of $2,-300.00. The largest bequest ever given to the Board was $85,000.00, which will be paid upon the death of a prior beneficiary. A number of other bequests still remain unpaid, but will be paid in the future.

All financial transactions of the Board are either authorized or approved by the Finance Committee of the Board.

**Special Ministerial Relief Season**

The Executive Committee of the General Synod has decided that the season for the Board of Ministerial Relief to especially promote its cause during 1938 shall be the month of September. We therefore earnestly hope that our pastors will present the most worthy cause of Ministerial Relief to their people during the month of September, 1938, and will make it the occasion for special contributions to Ministerial Relief or to our Sustentation Fund.

**Union of the Two Boards**

Our Board of Ministerial Relief and the Evangelical Board of Pension and Relief, after most pleasant conferences, have mutually agreed to consolidate the work of the two Boards under the new Board of Pensions and Relief as soon as possible after the new Board is elected by the General Synod. The plan of union has been carefully worked out and is ready for presentation to the General Synod in June, 1938. The proposed Charter of the new Board fully protects the money, property, and benefits of each Pension Fund, and provides for the Relief annuitants of each group. The new Church Pension Fund has been drafted by experts, has been adopted by the two Boards, and is ready to receive the approval of the General Synod. We believe that the work of the two Boards will be consolidated early in 1939.

**Conclusion**

Our God and our Father, Thou who art kind and loving unto all men, remember in tender mercy, we beseech Thee, our aged and disabled ministers and the widows of our ministers. Put the arms of Thy love round about them. Comfort them, sustain them, and support them. Do Thou so influence the hearts of our people that they may love our veteran ministers and their widows, as Thou dost love them, and that they will supply their every need. These things we ask in the name and in the merits of Thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY NELSON BASSLER, President
J. W. MEMINGER, Secretary
EUGENE L. MCLEAN, Treasurer

## Exhibit VIII

## 1858 REPORT OF CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE 1938
### Cleveland, Ohio

To the Reverend Synods.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Central Publishing House was founded Eighty Years ago this year, having been established August 27, 1858. During these Eighty Years it has been our diligent endeavor to carry out the purpose of the founders; viz., the spreading of the gospel by means of the printed page. Serving the Church in this way, we enjoyed the confidence and support of the Church in many ways, and it is our sincere desire to express, at this time, our deep appreciation of it.

An examination of the Financial Report of our Auditor, Mr. E. W. Breyer, C.P.A., Schedules included in this report, indicates that real progress was made during the past fiscal year in meeting the problems due to the prolonged depression. A brief summary of the main points will be of interest:

*Net Assets.*

Building and Equipment including current, increased...$ 1,817.29

*Liabilities.* With the exception of personal taxes, every item under Liabilities was reduced, net reduction amounting to .................................................. 18,504.76*
Annuity Bonds Canceled .................................. 3,000.00

Amount added to Surplus ...............................$23,322.05
This amount added to surplus increases the Net Worth to..$113,780.72

*Expenses decreased $1,049.14. Net Profit from operation $4,158.14*

Liabilities reduced .......................................$18,504.76*
Donations received from apportionment and annuity interest and from estate of Mr. Jacoby ....................... 10,985.26

The balance, amounting to ..................................$ 7,519.50
was taken out of current receipts and applied to the payment of our obligations.

The reduction of liabilities in the amount of $18,504.76 is very encouraging. There are, however, a number of financial problems to be solved. We are giving our best efforts in solving them, and we are looking forward to the time when our efforts will be crowned with success.

*In 1934 our total liabilities were $199,669.81* These have been reduced as of April 30, 1938, to $152,141.92. Nearly $48,000.00 was paid off during the last four years.

It is the well-considered opinion of our Certified Public Accountant that we have made an appreciable way out of our financial difficulties, and that we may now look into the future with a new and well-founded confidence.

The printing of the Blue Book, the White Book, and the Minutes of General Synod for 1938 was awarded to Central Publishing House.

The Board of Education of the Synod of the Northwest prepared and had printed in our plant a "Workbook to the Heidelberg Catechism," the Publication of which the House is taking over on a royalty basis. The Christian and Dutch Reformed Churches are also interested in this Workbook, which is already enjoying a very good sale.

Two new contracts for printing regular publications of another denomination have been secured, and the prospect of securing others are very promising.

A new edition of the Hungarian Hymn Book was printed; and at the request of the pastors a special Sunday-school edition of this book was printed and bound up.

During the past year new editions of the following books were printed: German S. S. Hymnal, Hymnal of the Reformed Church, Responsive Readings, Practical Church Register. New editions of other publications of our own will soon have to be printed.

This past year all of the current as well as the accrued interest on Annuity Bonds was paid. Accrued Bond interest was reduced and in addition interest equivalent to one year's Bond Interest was paid.

According to the recommendation of the Committee of Twelve and the action of most of the Synods last year, the arrangement for helping Central Publishing House to pay the interest on its Annuity Bonds is to continue as long as the present Synods exist.

In the amount classified as "Donations," we report the comparatively small sum received from the Church as apportionment; the sums paid by the four synods to help pay the interest on our Annuity Bonds; and a bequest. All this money was conscientiously used for the purposes for which it was given and was of help in reducing the indebtedness accumulated during the years of the great depression.

Ministers and Members of our four Synods are most sincerely requested to think of the services which a Church Publishing House can render to the Church, and to remember our House in their wills.

In order to make it possible to report to the synods that now meet earlier than in former years, the fiscal year of Central Publishing House was changed so as to end on March 31st of each year.

The Board of Central Publishing House is still, as always, heartily in favor of such a unification of all our Publication Interests that will be for the best interests of the entire merged Church. We do, however, point out the central location of Central Publishing House not only for the Reformed Church but also for the merged Evangelical and Reformed Church.

In these significant years of transition and merger, it is most imperative that we faithfully continue our interest in the Institutions of the Church and give them our loyal support.

In the case of the Central Publishing House this would imply:

1. Securing of supplies, periodicals and other materials from our Publishing House.
2. Payment of the Apportionment of the Synod in full.
3. Continue to carry out the recommendation of General Synod's committee of 12 by paying the proportional 3 cents per member out of the contingent.
4. Have Synodical and Classical Minutes and other Church Printing done at our own Publishing House.
5. Maintain the spirit of co-operative good will, intelligent understanding, and brotherly effort in working out the detailed problems of merger and transition.
6. Election of your representative to the board.

The terms of the following members have expired:

Ohio Synod—Rev. S. S. Elliker
Mid-West Synod—Elder Edward Dirks
Northwest Synod—Rev. H. C. Nott

Respectfully submitted,
T. W. HOERNEMANN, President
P. WETZEL, Business Manager

EXHIBIT AA

**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE—CLEVELAND

| | APRIL 30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **I ASSETS** | **1938** | **1937** | **Increases** | **Decreases** |
| Old Building | $ 74,521.35 | $ 70,559.92 | | |
| New Buildings | 64,909.25 | 61,470.28 | | |
| Equipment | 161,384.70 | 158,686.71 | | |
| | 300,815.30 | 290,716.91 | 10,098.39 | |
| Depreciation Reserves— | | | | |
| Old Building | 24,453.21 | 21,741.47 | | |
| New Building | 14,424.37 | 12,429.89 | | |
| Equipment | 68,240.61 | 63,999.88 | | |
| | 107,118.19 | 98,171.24 | | 8,946.95 |
| Net Value of Fixed Assets per Appraisal | 193,697.11 | 192,545.67 | 1,151.44 | |
| Land | 14,770.83 | 14,770.83 | | |
| Auto | 50.00 | 171.65 | | 121.65 |
| Old House & Garage | 3,403.46 | 3,403.46 | | |
| TOTAL FIXED ASSETS | 211,921.40 | 210,891.61 | 1,029.79 | |
| **CURRENT** | | | | |
| Cash | 412.55 | 437.58 | | 25.03 |
| Customers' Accounts (Net) | 8,069.79 | 8,156.13 | | 86.34 |
| Mdse. Inventory | 44,460.44 | 44,446.79 | 13.65 | |
| | 52,942.78 | 53,040.50 | | 97.72 |
| Deferred Expense | 1,058.46 | 173.24 | 885.22 | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 265,922.64 | 264,105.35 | 1,817.29 | |
| **II LIABILITIES** | | | | |
| Notes Payable—Cleveland Trust Co. | 6,000.00 | 8,000.00 | | 2,000.00 |
| Notes Payable—Others | 3,700.00 | 4,450.00 | | 750.00 |
| Accounts Payable—Trade | 14,064.98 | 15,502.13 | | 1,437.15 |
| Mid-West Synod | | 800.00 | | 800.00 |
| Accrued Wages, etc. | 3,226.12 | 4,721.99 | | 1,495.87 |
| * Taxes | 12,722.07 | 11,818.21 | 903.86 | |
| Interest | 6,323.59 | 12,973.66 | | 6,650.07 |
| TOTAL CURRENT | 46,036.76 | 58,265.99 | | 12,229.23 |
| Real Estate (Installments) | 4,833.18 | 5,383.60 | | 550.42 |
| Board of Christian Education | 13,535.32 | 18,960.43 | | 5,425.11 |
| First Mtge.—Cleveland Trust Co. | 39,000.00 | 39,000.00 | | |
| Bonds Payable | 48,736.66 | 49,036.66 | | 300.00 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 152,141.92 | 170,646.68 | | 18,504.76 |
| **III NET WORTH** | | | | |
| Annuity Bonds | 54,300.00 | 57,300.00 | | 3,000.00 |
| Surplus | 59,480.72 | 36,158.67 | 23,322.05 | |
| TOTAL NET WORTH | 113,780.72 | 93,458.67 | 20,322.05 | |

* See "Accrued Interest, Schedule "A."

## EXHIBIT BB

## COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT

## CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE—CLEVELAND

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SALES** | $116,050.54 | $117,658.16 | $ | $1,607.62 |
| **Cost of Sales** | 80,786.86 | 85,030.27 | 4,243.41 | |
| GROSS PROFIT | 35,263.68 | 32,627.89 | 2,635.79 | |
| **EXPENSE** | | | | |
| Advertising | 514.95 | 944.06 | | 429.11 |
| Discounts | 26.87 | 12.95 | 13.92 | |
| Travel | 134.51 | 232.63 | | 98.12 |
| Payroll—Shipping | 2,879.03 | 2,737.99 | 141.04 | |
| Office | 4,541.00 | 4,414.90 | 126.10 | |
| Store | 765.00 | 970.00 | | 205.00 |
| Manager | 2,499.83 | 2,500.00 | | .17 |
| Accountant | 350.00 | 350.00 | | |
| Shipping Supplies | 204.98 | 583.17 | | 378.19 |
| Telephone and Telegraph | 397.13 | 384.99 | 12.14 | |
| Contributions | 277.47 | 161.51 | 115.96 | |
| Postage | 1,153.45 | 1,651.60 | | 498.15 |
| Interest on Bonds | 5,541.83 | 5,824.75 | | 282.92 |
| Interest on Notes | 5,971.68 | 4,509.52 | 1,462.16 | |
| County Taxes | 3,394.87 | 4,482.01 | | 1,087.14 |
| Legal and Miscellaneous | 579.09 | 981.29 | | 402.20 |
| Auto | 248.97 | 163.28 | 85.69 | |
| Insurance | 886.02 | 999.68 | | 113.66 |
| Sales Stamps | | 48.40 | | 48.40 |
| Bad Debts | 249.35 | 201.95 | 47.40 | |
| Salesman | 462.96 | | 462.96 | |
| Elliott Machine | 26.55 | | 26.55 | |
| | | | 2,493.92 | 3,543.06 |
| | 31,105.54 | 32,154.68 | | 1,049.14 |
| NET | 4,158.14 | 473.21 | 3,684.93 | |
| Add: Donations | 10,985.26 | 7,958.03 | 3,027.23 | |
| Discounts | 20.02 | 24.06 | | 4.04 |
| Rents | 306.00 | 301.50 | 4.50 | |
| Annuity Bonds Cancelled | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 | |
| | 18,469.42 | 8,756.80 | 9,712.62 | |
| Deduct: Depreciation | 500.28 | 5,193.06 | | 4,692.78 |
| PROFIT TO SURPLUS | 17,969.14 | 3,563.74 | 14,405.40 | |

## "A" SCHEDULES—APRIL 30, 1938

| "A" NO | | | | TO EXHIBIT A |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | *Accounts Receivable* | $11,101.08 | $ | $ |
| | Subscriptions do | 740.73 | 11,841.81 | |
| | Less: Cost of Completion | 3,063.70 | | |
| | Reserved for Doubtful | 708.32 | 3,772.02 | 8,069.79 |
| 2 | *Deferred* | | | |
| | Addressing Machine | | 310.00 | |
| | Postage | | 119.00 | |
| | Sales Stamps | | 2.56 | |
| | Insurance | | 58.58 | |
| | Salesman's Advance | | 568.32 | 1,058.46 |
| 3 | *Accrued Interest* | | 268.16 | |
| | Cleveland Trust Co. (Mtge.) | | 737.69 | |
| | *Bond Interest | | 5,317.74 | |
| | **Annuity Interest (None) | | | 6,323.59 |
| 4 | *Accrued Liabilities* | | | |
| | Payroll | | 2,539.57 | |
| | E. W. B. | | 350.00 | |
| | Elliott Machine | | 336.55 | 3,226.12 |
| 5 | *Board of Christian Education* | | | |
| | Notes | 12,960.43 | | |
| | Open a/c | 793.26 | 13,753.69 | |
| | Less: Cash in Bank | | 218.37 | 13,535.32 |
| 6 | *Surplus* at April 30, 1937 per Auditors | | 36,158.67 | |
| | Add: Due to revising Auditors' changes | | 5,352.91 | |
| | Add: Profit for year to 4/30/1938—Ex. BB | | 17,969.14 | 59,480.72 |

* Accrued Bond Interest ($5,317.74) includes the arrears on Bond interest, also all current interest on Bonds accrued as of April 30, 1938, which are not yet due.

** Annuity Bond Interest all paid up.

May 25, 1938

Central Publishing House
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I have made my annual examination of your accounts for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1938, and present my report with my comments.

The annual installment paid to the Board of Christian Education (Philadelphia House) of $6,000.00 now reduces this debt to $12,960.43. This was confirmed by the Philadelphia House, and after paying $7,000.00 by July 1, 1939, the remainder of $5,960.43 is to be canceled.

While the reduction of $18,504.76 in your liabilities is very encouraging, indeed, there are still some financial problems that must be solved.

In view of the fact, however, in spite of the recession, which became acute with you about February 1st, that you are able to report such a reduction in liabilities, all of which are cash items, and not bookkeeping credits, and in view of the further fact that you have found a very encouraging source of new business for the plant, it is my well-considered opinion, that you have proceeded an appreciable way out of your financial difficulties, and may now look into the future with a new and well-founded confidence.

Respectfully submitted,
E. W. Breyer, C.P.A.

## Exhibit IX

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## The Annual Statement of the Board of Christian Education

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The developments in the work of Christian Education in our Church for the year 1937 have been most unusual and significant. It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God and with sincere appreciation to pastors and to their congregations that the co-operating Boards, in all humility, briefly sketch for you in retrospect the events of the past year and present to you some future plans and urgent needs.

### Developments in the Year's Work

The *unification of the work* of the three Boards, begun in the fall of 1936, had advanced sufficiently by January 1, 1937, to make possible a single program, a pooled budget and a completely unified staff.

That phase of the work having to do with *Missionary Education*—always considered by the Boards of Education as one of their primary responsibilities—was on June 1, 1937, admirably re-established on a sound cooperative basis. This was accomplished by the organization of the Cooperative Council of Missionary Education functioning under the directorship of the Reverend Mr. David D. Baker.

In June, 1937, the *centralization of the Boards' Editorial Office* was carried a step further by the removal from Frederick, Maryland, to St. Louis of the Reverend Mr. E. A. G. Hermann, a member of the Boards' editorial staff.

At Lakeside, Ohio, on June 28 to July 3, 1937, the Boards of Christian Education and the Evangelical League sponsored the *First National Conference on Christian Education* of the new Church. The great response both in attendance and enthusiasm, on the part of Young People, Church School Workers and Ministers more than justified all the effort that went into conference planning which in turn brought together at Lakeside such an outstanding group of the country's foremost Christian educators. Volumes could be written on the effect which this Conference had and will have upon the merger of "mind and heart" as well as upon the Church's future program and progress of Christian Education, but the twelve hundred and more folk who attended will bear more active testimony than any which could be here recorded.

The selection of representatives to a *Youth Cabinet*, the first step in a democratic approach to the Youth program of the new Church, was an accomplishment of the Youth Congress at the Lakeside Conference. This Cabinet has since been fully organized, has had its first meeting, and, with the Director of Youth Work, is earnestly at the task of interpreting and of planning for Youth's share and Youth's responsibility in our new co-operative Christian fellowship. With such an approach and with such earnestness the future is indeed bright.

Summer Schools and Camps were for the first time last season (1937) conducted as a unified project, with a maximum interchange of students and staff members. No longer are there two summer programs; no longer are there two competitive loyalties, but one undertaking, one leadership and one common goal. The 1937 summer season proved most successful, both from the standpoint of attendance as well as high quality of leadership and program.

Of major significance is the development in the field of periodicals and lesson materials, which permits us here to report that the task of *merging our Church School publications*—publishing one series instead of two—is actually under way. It will, undoubtedly, be recalled that in previous messages we have pleaded the need for hurdling obstacles in the path of such essential action. Now, we are happy to say that through the cooperation of the various publication interests, these difficulties have actually been surmounted. This forward step was largely made possible through the willingness of the Board of Publications to permit the Boards of Christian Education and the Evangelical League Board to assume, as of January 1, 1937, certain publication prerogatives which would not have automatically become theirs until after the new Constitution had been declared in force. Under the present agreement the Boards of Christian Education have promised to Eden Publishing House and to Central Publishing House, at least the same value and volume of church school publication business as has formerly been enjoyed by them under the old arrangement. Present indications, based upon the growing circulation of the new periodicals, would seem to guarantee to these publishing houses, not only the same value and volume of business but a decided increase.

The eleven new publications which have supplanted nineteen former periodicals, appearing January 1, 1938, and which have been so cordially received by church school leaders and pupils throughout the country, are as follows)

(Age Group Magazines)

YOUTH—A Weekly Magazine for Young People—16 pages—Two color cover

ADVENTURE—A Weekly Magazine for Intermediate Boys and Girls—8 pages

TREASURE—A Weekly Magazine for Junior Boys and Girls—8 pages

FRIENDS—A Weekly Magazine for Beginner and Primary Boys and Girls —4 pages

(Leaders' Journal)

THE BUILDER—Official Evangelical and Reformed Monthly Magazine for Leaders, including Uniform Lesson Treatment—40 pages

(Uniform Lesson Materials)

THE ADULT IN CHURCH & HOME—Uniform Lesson Guide for Adults

SENIOR-YOUNG PEOPLE UNIFORM LESSON GUIDE

INTERMEDIATE UNIFORM LESSON GUIDE

JUNIOR UNIFORM LESSON GUIDE

THE LESSON LEAF—An Abridged Uniform Lesson treatment

THE WORSHIP SERVICE—A quarterly Worship Leaflet for the Church School

Surely it is obvious that although the Boards responsible for these new publications are justly proud of them and believe that the new materials are making a genuine contribution to Christian education in the Evangelical and Reformed Church, yet these Boards are equally ready to admit that none of these publications are perfect nor ideal products. They are "in the making" and their improvement will depend largely upon the co-operative constructive suggestions that come to their editorial staff. Such criticism is always welcome and will ever be given careful consideration.

Among the various *special tracts, pamphlet materials and periodical releases* published and distributed in 1937 through the Boards' central office are the following:

"Christ in the Life of the World" (A tract on the interdenominational emphasis for 1937-38)
"Thy Kingdom Come" (Young People's guidance pamphlet)
"A New Church for a New World" (Young People's Day Service)
"The Student" (A periodic news sheet for college students)
"News for Leaders of Youth" (A guidance leaflet, periodically released)
"Across Border Lines" (A Confirmation Reunion Service)
"Children's Division Guide" (A guidance pamphlet, periodically released)
"Talks of God for Boys and Girls" ( Lenten Devotional Guide)
"Adults in the Church School" (An outline of available adult educational study units)

Service Pamphlets:
"Is my Sunday School a Part of the Church?"
"Under One Roof"
"Church, School & Home Building a New World"
"Roads to a Better Vacation School"
"The Children in the Congregation"
"Candy and the Kingdom"
"Let Youth Unite Their Energies"
"Am I Christian toward all Races?"
"Time on Our Hands"
"My Brother's Brother"
"Lakeside—and After"
"Patriotism" (An elective study unit)
"Christmas Programs, Pageants & Plays"
"Lenten and Easter Program Suggestions"
"Growth in Christian Service" (A guide to personal religious living)
The 1938 Church School Calendar
(Limited quantities of each of the above are still available)

The Boards' *special service departments,* such as its Service Library, its Bureau of Visual Aids and its Personal Guidance Service report substantial increases in number of churches and individuals served during 1937.

In the matter of *Field contacts,* which also show an increase for 1937,

those members of the Boards' Staff who were formerly "E" men have availed themselves principally of the many opportunities which have graciously been extended to them to become acquainted with former "R" congregations. And, likewise, former "R" Staff members have accepted "E" engagements as generously as possible. This mutual acquaintance and fellowship has been and is of inestimable value to a oneness of spirit and a unity of action in our new Church.

*Co-operation with other Boards* of the Church and with the Church's entire program of Kingdom Service is reflected by the Boards' active participation in—

(a) The Correlating Council on Adult Education (through which all the agencies of the Church working with adults agree upon certain common study units).

(b) The Co-operative Council on Missionary Education (in which the following Boards also share: International Missions, National Missions, Evangelical Women's Union, Woman's Missionary Society and the Churchmen's Brotherhood)

(c) The Committee on Correlation and Promotion (of the Executive Committee of General Synod)

(d) The Committee on Literature (which is a sub-committee of the Committee on Correlation and Promotion, supervising the publication of all literature which promotes the entire scope of the Church's Kingdom Work.)

**Future Plans and Urgent Needs**

Primary among the projects upon which the Boards are working is the publication of a *new Church School Hymnal* for our merged Church. Plans are well advanced and negotiations are already under way with publishers. If present plans materialize, the new book should be available by late spring or early fall. The hymnal will contain approximately two hundred and ten hymns and a worship section. In good cloth binding it will likely sell for fifty cents singly and for thirty-five to forty cents in quantity.

The next step in the merger of church school publications involves a decision with regard to *a single but complete series of departmental graded lessons.* Special committees are already at work on this project, and it is hoped that some announcement may be made before the end of 1938.

We solicit the loyal patronage of all of our church schools in the matter of using denominational periodicals and lesson materials. Our plea is not one based primarily upon denominational loyalty but one founded upon the belief that the materials which your Boards of Education now publish can meet your needs and are of such quality that they merit your support.

The Department of Leadership Training is happy to announce the establishment of a *new leadership training school* at Fulton, Missouri. This school is intended to serve principally folk in the Missouri, West Missouri and South Illinois Districts and corresponding Classes. It is being established in response to the many requests that have come from these areas.

Two of last year's schools are being merged and will meet at a new location. The Green Lake Leadership Training School located at Green Lake, Wisconsin, will carry on the traditions of the Leadership Training School which formerly met in connection with the Mission House Conference as well as the traditions of Elmhurst Leadership Training School.

A complete schedule of 1938 summer schools and camps is available through our various current Church and Church School periodicals. (A Special Announcement appears in The Builder for May)

Two needs are still urgently essential to more helpful service on the part of the Boards:

(a) *A Children's Division Worker*

(b) *Area Field Workers*

It was sincerely hoped by the Boards that one or the other of these needs might at least be met during 1937. But a decrease in available funds rather than an increase has made this realization still impossible. We trust that 1938 receipts will this year permit progress and we again earnestly solicit your co-operation to this end.

In the departments of Real Estate and Business, the Board of Christian Education has had a fairly satisfactory year. A number of adverse business conditions made 1937 a difficult period. Yet, withal, the Board did not incur added indebtedness nor become delinquent in any of its regular obligations. Of course, for some years it has been unable to pay interest to its various internal departments. This has meant, for instance, that the Boards' educational work recently has been solely dependent upon apportionment receipts.

We must, however, not lose sight of the fact that even in lean years it has been the Board of Christian Education that has been responsible for maintaining our Church paper, "The Messenger." Each year the Board has subsidized this essential and official organ of the Church to the extent of thousands of dollars. Recently this subsidy has come entirely from the Board's Business Department, since Real Estate has had all it could do to carry itself. Undoubtedly, many in our Church do not realize the great service which our Board has rendered in this way. We call your special attention to these Messenger finances now, because it will soon devolve upon General Synod to determine ways and means for meeting these subsidies in the future, when General Synod itself, according to the new Constitution, assumes full and direct responsibility for the Church Paper.

It is with *sincere appreciation* that the Board of Christian Education here records the "R" apportionment receipts for 1937 which total $25,651.-43. Although this amount is $597.55 under the 1936 figure, the loyal support of Congregations, Classes and Synods is most gratefully acknowledged. The Board earnestly trusts, however, that the year 1938 will show a better record. The needs of the work of Christian Education in our Church are so much greater than the available funds permit of meeting, that there must be increased giving if the Board is to keep faith with our Church and with our God. On the basis of bona fide membership, our giving to the cause of Christian Education averages only six cents per person per year.

Does this seem adequate to the task? As a new Church we stand on the threshold of a new day in our Kingdom Work—a new day in Christian Education. Shall we not together meet this challenge and this opportunity in a way befitting our ability and the need?

The Co-operating Educational Boards are very appreciative of the many Classes and Districts that last year voiced their deep interest in and their loyal support of our Church's expanding program of Christian Education. The Boards earnestly trust that their work may continue to increasingly merit such confidence and such growing moral and financial support to the end that Christian Education may actually "measure up" by planting the Spirit of Christ in human lives and by helping to so build Christian personality that human nature may increasingly be "transformed by love from selfishness and individualism to organization and co-operation."

The Boards appreciate the fact that this ultimate goal may be reached only by working toward two intermediate objectives—

1. An entire re-study of agencies and channels for Christian Education, with resultant expansion and greater effectiveness of the work,

2. A progressive cultivation and improvement of the existing agencies and channels for Christian Education so that the transition may be less drastic and the years of experimentation less costly.

In our new and enlarged Christian fellowship—The Evangelical and Reformed Church—may we together, under God's gracious guidance, help to blaze the trail and help to stake permanent claims for His Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. Keppel, Executive Secretary,
Board of Christian Education
Board of Religious Education
Evangelical League Board

Paul S. Leinbach, President,
Board of Christian Education.

## Exhibit X

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Annual Report of the Board of Education
### Synod of the Northwest

To the Reverend Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: With gratitude toward our Father in Heaven for His blessing upon the work of Christian education in our Synod and upon the efforts of your Board, we submit our annual report. As diffculties and problems grow more pronounced in this fast-moving and increasingly godless age, there is also a growing sense of responsibility for the great task laid upon us and an increasing interest in ways and means of doing it to the end that our members, unconfirmed and confirmed, may be led to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and be established in that faith.

*I. Reports of the Classes*

Reports from all ten Classes were on hand at the annual meeting of your Board on July 6. These reports vary from lengthy dissertations on the principles and objectives of Christian education, through summarizations of conditions as reported by the pastors, to mere copies of the recommendations of the standing committees on Christian education. From reading them one gains these general impressions: 1) Everywhere there is a deep concern and a vital interest in the task of Christian education. 2) Methods of work are exceedingly diverse; perhaps the conduct of the catechetical class approaches nearest to uniformity, though here, too, there is considerable divergence in method. 3) The recommendations of your Board have been quite generally accepted; the Christian home and adult education have been made the objects of study and discussion. 4) The "Workbook to the Heidelberg Catechism," published by your Board, is recommended in most reports. 5) Pastors' seminars and other group discussions of educational matters have found favor. 6) Apparently not all Classes have instituted boards or permanent committees on Christian education, and existing classical boards do not seem to have the same idea of their function, which ought to be guiding, stimulating, and supervising the work of Christian education in their respective Classes.

The educational statistics had come to hand too late to be tabulated and studied for purposes of this report. However, we note the following items of interest in the reports of the Classes:

*Sheboygan Classis.* Some pastors consider the pulpit the strongest agency in Christian education; on the other hand, the Christian home is recognized as "one of the first and foremost agencies for Christian training." Sunday-schools are making progress. Lesson materials range from the uniform lessons, which are most popular, at least for the upper classes, to Bible stories and the Catechism. There are complaints about

the lack of "desirable sound material." In some catechetical classes work-books prepared by the pastors are used, in others the one published by your Board—liked by some and found too difficult by others. Some public schools dismiss catechumens one forenoon a week and help them make up the lessons missed. Only a few churches are without Vacation Bible schools. There are many young people's societies of various types. The family altar appears to be much neglected. Several congregations had good results from displays of devotional materials. Pastors' seminars were held at Sheboygan and Wausau. A flourishing Sunday-school convention is held annually.

*Milwaukee Classis.* Only the report of the standing committee was received. Classis desires the continuance of the Heidelberg League pending the merger of the Young People's Work of the united Church. An increase in Sunday-school enrollment is noted, also in that of the young people's groups. Only ten congregations report week-day schools of religion or daily vacation Bible schools.

*Minnesota Classis.* An educational conference was held in connection with the Classis meeting, with Dr. Bell of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education as speaker. Most of the schools use International uniform or graded lesson materials. All the teachers of the two churches at LaCrosse attended a community training school. Three Sunday-schools introduced envelopes for the Sunday collections. In three churches practically the entire membership attends Sunday-school. Lack of room and equipment is deplored by many pastors. Most congregations conducted vacation Bible schools. On the whole, young people's societies do not seem to be flourishing. The Classical Board of Education asks Classis to define its functions, and is advised to do so itself, subject to approval by the Classis. The Board is instructed to arrange educational conferences for four classical groups and to prepare a questionnaire for next year's reports on Christian education.

*Nebraska Classis.* Sunday-school methods vary from antiquated ones to the very latest. One congregation maintains two Sunday-schools, one German, the other English. Lesson material ranges from International uniform and graded to Bible stories, catechism, and elementary German grammar. In one school a missionary superintendent prepares missionary programs to create interest in our denominational missionary work. In Daily Vacation Bible School work the churches of Classis appear to be taking the lead in the State; two such schools are the oldest in their counties. Six churches report some type of young people's organization. The committee asks for a discussion period at next year's Classis meeting on *why* the family altar is not observed as it should be.

*Ursinus Classis.* Some Sunday-schools have strengthened and improved their organization; some feel handicapped by a lack of proper facilities, and recognize that church and school still exist by divine favor, not by what man has done. A number of churches took part in the Stewardship Essay and Poster Contest, some with local prizes for the best essays. The new lesson material of the united church is favorably spoken of, especially the magazine *Youth.* Confirmation reunions have tended

to rouse older people out of lethargy. About half the churches conducted vacation schools; several have monthly meetings of Sunday-school workers, with Bible study under the direction of the pastors. Classis sent a delegate to the Quadrennial Convention of the International Council at Columbus.

*South Dakota Classis.* The entire educational work in the churches is under the supervision of the spiritual councils, and thus is integrated in program. Despite the difficulties occasioned by the fact that parishes consist of scattered congregations, Sunday-schools, catechetical classes, and vacation schools were held throughout the Classis. There is no increase in English classes over last year. Adult classes study books of the New Testament or the Heidelberg Catechism. The catechism and Bible stories are used as lesson material, together with the German "Fibel" in schools still German. Catechetical instruction is given on Saturdays and, after the public schools close, daily for periods ranging from two to five weeks. Memorization and explanation of the catechism is stressed; loyalty to our creed is the goal. A youth conference is planned for August.

*Portland-Oregon Classis.* No report except that of the standing committee, which is very brief. Sunday-schools and individuals are urged to take an active part in a joint leadership training school to be held in August. A Sunday-school convention is to be held in the fall.

*Eureka Classis.* The question is raised, how parents who themselves have had no Christian training can be expected to give it to their children, and the increasing need of the church's coming to their aid is stressed. Instruction in the truth of the Word of God is recognized as the church's contribution. It is deplored that too little time can be devoted to Christian education before confirmation (on account of scattered churches in the parishes, inclemencies of the weather, indifference of parents, etc.), and that much too little is done to provide for the confirmed young people. The function of Christian education, it is stated, is to build Christian character on the basis of a genuine Christian and Reformed creed.

*West Canada Classis.* Radio, movies, poisonous literature, and the like destroy what the pastor has built up; to this mass of influences he can oppose only scattered hours of endeavor, but God is on his side. Parents, it is deplored, have lost control of their children; in general they give them only a vocational training and turn their religious education over to the pastor whom they have hired for this purpose. Work among children of school age—in confirmation classes, week-day and vacation schools, and Sunday-schools—prospers, but after that comes the great defection, for which parents are blamed. Classis complains to Synod of our denominational literature, fearing a schism in the Church on account of it, but does not specify the faults it finds in this literature.

*California Classis.* The object of Christian education, says the report, "is to lead our children to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ," according to the pledge given at their baptism, a goal diametrically opposite to the modern trend based on a religion of "Nature." The

question why the family altar is not observed is referred to every charge for study and discussion, the result to be reported to the classical committee. One of the largest schools in the Classis, First Japanese Reformed of San Francisco, "has not suffered substantially" during a pastoral vacancy. It appears that the Japanese mission churches are the only ones without the customary catechetical classes.

### *II. Activities of the Board*

Our director, Dr. E. G. Krampe, reports that some efforts are being made to correlate the various educational activities in the congregations. A number of S. S. superintendents sought his counsel in these matters. Under his direction a simultaneous leadership training school was held last winter at Sheboygan, Kiel, Town Herman, and Plymouth, with a total enrollment of 124. The director taught classes in an interdenominational leadership training school sponsored by the Sheboygan County Ministerial Association, had charge of the discussions on leadership training in the Educational Institutes conducted by the Wisconsin Council of Churches, led pastors' seminars at Madison, West Bend, Sheboygan, and Neillsville last fall, labored as a member of the commission on "Christian Family Life" in the United Christian Adult Movement, attended the meetings of Sheboygan, Minnesota, and South Dakota Classes, visiting also as many of their congregations as possible, took part in Heidelberg League group conferences, shared in preparing the program for the Sheboygan Classis S. S. Convention, preached at various places, had personal conferences with individuals and groups, and attended to a very large correspondence. Your Board is grateful to the Board of Christian Education of General Synod for keeping our director in service when other field work, for financial reasons, was discontinued.

The leadership training school held in connection with the Mission House Missionary Conference of late years has been discontinued. Its place will be taken by the Green Lake School (Green Lake, Wis.), which also supplants the Elmhurst Leadership Training School. It is to be held August 17-27, 1938. Drs. Krampe, C. A. Hauser, and Hessert are the Reformed members of its staff.

The "Workbook to the Heidelberg Catechism" published by your Board has found favor not only in our Synod but also in other sections of the Church, and especially in the Dutch Reformed churches. For use in these, a thousand copies were sold to the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. of Grand Rapids. Central Publishing House has agreed to take over this publication on the basis of a small royalty to your Board.

The financial support of our work by the congregations shows a ten per cent increase over last year, which is gratifying. Nevertheless the support amounts to only five cents per member for the Synod as a whole.

### *III. Recommendations*

We beg leave to offer the following recommendations for your approval and adoption:

1. In view of the growing hindrances to the work of Christian education arising out of the tempo of modern life, the apparent wide-spread

lapse into paganism, and the growing indifference and hostility to Christian living and thinking, there must be an increasing concern in grounding our children, youths, and adults in the truths of the Word of God. We therefore urge the Classes, and through them the consistories, congregations, church school workers, etc., to spare no effort by way of prayer, thought, study, and labor in the cause of Christian education.

2. We ask those Classes who have not already done so, to institute permanent committees or boards of Christian education to guide, promote, and supervise the work of Christian education in their bounds, giving them from time to time specific instructions for specific tasks.

3. Classes and congregations (through their consistories, church school workers, societies, etc.) are urged to consider seriously what may be done, under God, to build and preserve truly Christian homes, in which not self but Christ is central and children are truly brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

4. "Erzieher muessen selbst erzogen sein." To this end Classes and congregations are also urged to consider ways and means of providing a Christian education for those who are to educate others—parents as well as teachers and officers in the church schools.

5. In the interest of improving the "Workbook to the Heidelberg Catechism," pastors who use it are again asked to submit their suggestions and criticisms to its author.

6. Finally we beseech pastors and members to pray fervently for a truly Christian education of our people, to study diligently both the Word of God and this work of God, and to devote themselves whole-heartedly to it.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Education,
per ALVIN GRETHER, Sec'y

R. 3, Plymouth, Wis.
July 8, 1938

# Financial Report of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Northwest

## 1937 - 1938

### I. Income

1) *Contributions from the Classes:*

| | | |
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| Sheboygan Classis | $ 559.80 | |
| Milwaukee Classis | 355.71 | |
| Minnesota Classis | 177.17 | |
| Nebraska Classis | 51.20 | |
| Ursinus Classis | 78.15 | |
| South Dakota Classis | 58.83 | |
| Portland-Oregon Classis | 53.00 | |
| West Canada Classis | 17.60 | |
| Eureka Classis | 2.52 | |
| California Classis | —— | |
| Total | | $1,353.98 |

2) *Receipts from other sources:*

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|---|---|---|
| Sheboygan Classis S. S. Convention L. Tr. | $ 50.00 | |
| Textbooks | 21.83 | |
| Personal Contribution | 50.00 | |
| Leadership Training Registrations | 55.82 | |
| Interest | 100.00 | |
| Heidelberg League | 3.71 | |
| Workbook to Catechism, sales | 191.09 | |
| Postage refunded | .15 | |
| | | $ 472.60 |
| Total Income | | $1,826.58 |

### II. Expenses

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| Board of Chr. Education of Gen. Synd | $1,263.62 | |
| Leadership Training projects | 77.60 | |
| Library and Source Materials | 29.19 | |
| Office supplies, postage, etc | 115.41 | |
| Heidelberg League | 3.71 | |
| Textbooks (Leadership Training) | 21.40 | |
| Workbooks to Heidelberg Catechism | 406.46 | |
| Pastors' Seminars, etc. | 17.11 | |
| Total Expenses | | $1,934.50 |

### III. Summary

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| Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1937 | $1,476.77 | |
| Total receipts | 1,826.58 | |
| | | $3,303.35 |
| Total expenditures | $1,934.50 | |
| Balance, Jan. 7, 1938 | 1,368.85 | |
| | | $3,303.35 |

### IV. Investments

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| Bonds—Board of Home Missions | $2,000.00 | |
| | | $2,000.00 |

E. G. Krampe, Treasurer.

Examines and found correct,
E. H. Wessler
Wm. Johanning

## Exhibit IX

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Statement of the Executive Committee of the General Synod

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We are making steady progress along almost every line in our Evangelical and Reformed Church. The Church throughout the world, our own included, is being challenged as it has not been for generations, but it is meeting the challenge and revealing its inherent strength. The meaning of Church membership is becoming clearer, and allegiance to the Church as an institution is being held in higher regard. Reports of our Classes and congregations reveal a spirit of aggressiveness that is most encouraging. Our membership is not increasing rapidly but interest and devotion are growing. There are many reports of increased church attendance, especially during the Lenten Season.

The Church has rallied to the support of the denominational work and is making slightly larger payments on the Apportionments of the Boards of the General Synod. There was an increase of $16,517.96 in the payments of the Classes last year. A larger number of congregations paid their Apportionments in full and others which had fallen behind during the depression paid larger percentages of their Apportionments. More than ninety-nine percent of the 1937 Apportionments for the General Synod Contingent Fund was paid and the payment of the less than one hundred dollars still due from one Classis is expected. A year ago seventeen of our present fifty-six Classes had deficits on the General Synod Contingent Fund Apportionment, some of them running back as far as 1930. The General Synod instructed the Executive Committee to secure the payment of these deficits, the amounts to be used for the items in the "R" General Synod Budget. Six of the seventeen have since paid their deficits in full and all of the others are making payments on or have made provision for the amounts they still owe. It is only fair to the Classes that have already paid that the Classes that are delinquent pay their deficits. If this were not done, an Apportionment of about three cents per member to the congregations of the present fifty-six Classes would be necessary to make up the deficits of the eleven. The payment of this General Synod Fund shows the loyalty of the Classes to the denomination and is for the best interests of the Church.

For nearly two years the Executive Committee and a strong special committee of eight members have been studying the Budgets and Methods of Apportioning the Budgets of the denomination. A unified Budget will be presented to the General Synod with recommendations for its apportionment to the new Synods and the congregations. The Committee is unanimous that not only membership but other factors should be taken into account. Ours is practically the only denomination which uses the per capita method exclusively. The Executive Committee will appreciate further suggestions from individuals or groups.

One of the basic truths of Christianity is that we are not our own, but, with all that we are and all that we have, belong to our faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ. This is the central principle of Christian Stewardship. It is being emphasized now in all of the Churches of the world as it has not been since the days of Christ and the Apostles. In the past few years the Stewardship emphasis has been quite largely placed on the Stewardship of substance or possessions or, more briefly, upon money. Our acquisition and use of money is one of the best tests of Christian character as well as of Stewardship. The United Stewardship Council of the Churches of Christ of the United States and Canada recently adopted a resolution "urging the denominations to unite in 1940 for a Stewardship Year, as part of the promotion program, under the theme 'Dedication of Possessions.' " Our Evangelical and Reformed Church would be greatly helped materially and spiritually by the fullest possible participation in such a program. Our present Stewardship promotion is largely among young people, in connection with the Annual Stewardship Essay and Poster Contest, which, in this, its sixteenth year, has had wider participation than ever before.

The Executive Committee has not made provision for the printing of the Statistical Tables of the entire denomination for 1937. Each Synod is, therefore, requested to print its own statistics this year. The several congregations of charges should be listed together in the charges to which they belong.

The Board of Directors of the Central Publishing House last year approved the recommendations of the Special Committee of Twelve appointed by authority of the General Synod that the General Synod shall be asked to take over the control and management of the Central Publishing House. Three of the owning Synods (Ohio, Northwest and Mid-West) at their meetings last year gave their approval and the Eastern Synod, the other owning Synod, has been requested to give its approval at its meeting this spring.

Our thoughts and our prayers are now directed toward the General Synod which is to meet at Columbus, Ohio, June 22 to 29. The real merging of the departments of our Church has been worked out gradually. In the process, as progress is made and one problem after the other is solved, new problems emerge, but the spirit and temper of the Church are such and the determination to overcome all obstacles is so great that it is possible to solve every problem, in a way that is for the best interests of the Church and the Kingdom.

The Constitution has been approved almost unanimously and will be declared adopted and in effect at the opening of the General Synod. The Boards and agencies provided for in that instrument will be established. All the work will proceed on the basis of the Constitution and By-Laws. The Classes that met during the first three months of this year adopted resolutions requesting the General Synod to establish the Synod or Synods in which they are to be included. The changes suggested, with a single exception, are quite minor, several of them having to do only with the name of the proposed Synod, and can probably be adjusted easily. The statement is freely made that the Districts, all of which meet after Easter,

are in like accord with the "Suggested Division." The desire has been expressed by a number of Classes and Districts that the new Synods be set up this fall. In any case, the "R" Classes will hold their fall meetings, and the "E" Districts will hold their "regional conferences" this fall, as usual. The legal existence of the Classes and Districts will be maintained as long as may be required for them to divest themselves of all property, rights and powers, and to fulfill their obligations.

The present Synods must maintain their legal existence, in order to pass upon the charters of institutions which they control in whole or in part, and to care for all other legal matters as long as may be necessary. It is probable that at the meetings of the Synods there will be a supplementary communication on this subject from the Committee on Constitution and Charter.

There is a proposal that the entire Church celebrate the real merger in June, at the time of the meeting of the General Synod. Plans for this may be developed in time to communicate them to the Synods at their meetings.

As we enter upon the work of our united Church, which will be fully merged in June, let us do so in the same spirit that characterized the merger four years ago, and, with the assurance which the ensuing years have brought us that we are fulfilling the will of the great Head of the Church, as one body, go forward to do His will and His work in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

The Executive Committee of the General Synod:

George W. Richards, Chairman

William E. Lampe, Secretary

## Exhibit XII

# CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD

### Statement of the Churchmen's Brotherhood

Synod of the Northwest

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We have made fine progress in the Churchmen's Brotherhood by establishing over 50 chapters since the merger with the Evangelical Brotherhood. Over 75 per cent of the new chapters established since this merger have been organized in the "R" section and Synods of our Church.

Slowly but surely pastors and laymen are beginning to see the value of organizing the men in the local church around a definite purpose and program.

Social fellowship has been augmented by spiritual and intellectual fellowship and the lives of many men have been expanded in horizon and vision and enriched in spiritual and cultural matters.

There's a "worthwhileness" to the Churchmen's Brotherhood and character, and loyalty-building values quite above the customary "eat, drink, and be merry" program of many clubs or organizations. Here the Church is the center and the whole area of men's lives the periphery.

In these days of the totalitarian state and paganized civilization, Christian men must stand foursquare for the Church and be its champions. Coming generations, our youth and boys, challenge us.

There is need for *new pioneers in Christian adventure*, for men, who with godly courage and intellectual readiness, like St. Paul, need to prove that *nothing can stop them* (2 Cor. 11:10) from claiming God's approval as they fight for the Church's rights and her rightful place in government, in society and in all human relationships.

But that requires knowledge of the Church, of the will of God and experience in the Christian way of living before any front presented by churchmen can become a solid and impregnable front.

Our churchmen must learn the will of God for this generation, must become disciples again before they can become leaders. Our laymen must go to church again, MUST FILL OUR CHURCHES. They must get before they can give, believe before they can live and then they must be on the move.

Men are challenged to advance in the footprints of the Master on the sanded ways ahead of them, for He is still with us and working for us in the world.

They are not asked to go anywhere, where Christ does not lead; but they are solemnly sworn not to leave Him out in the front line without their companionship and support. Gethsemane's rest periods are fatal!

Christ calls the men of the Church to worship and work in the Church and as they obey that call and share loyally in the task of the Church and do something definite by way of spiritual, moral and financial support, they can grow to be a "mighty army in the work of the Lord."

The curse of Meroz (Judges 5:23) is upon the mute and inactive groups and individuals, who will not enter the lists and meet and conquer the paganizing influences of modern society and continentalization and commercialization of our life.

Our Churchmen's Brotherhood is anxious to create such a spirit of understanding, such enthusiasm and loyalty among the men of every church, as to make them and everything that is in them rise to the highest levels of active participation in the work of the Church.

We have passed the experimental and explorative period of our life. The spirit of Oxford and Edinburgh must grip our Churchmen's Brotherhood and we must unify and galvanize the man-forces at our command in every local church in the denomination and the world in a COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN WORK.

The men of our great Church, if they work together and move forward together, can make our great denominational program, as formed by the General Synod and put into operation by your reverend Synod, a huge and a happy success. WE NEED OUR MEN and our CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD to accomplish this.

We gratefully acknowledge the support which many Classes and churches have given to the Churchmen's Brotherhood by way of the apportionment during the past year. Without this help, we could not have moved forward. But only about one-half of the Classes have responded thus far. Unfortunately, not one Classis of your reverend Synod has sent in a contribution on the apportionment for the Churchmen's Brotherhood for the last two years. We hope that during the coming year, in whatever alignment we might find ourselves, each church will pay this minimum apportionment of 7/10 cents per member and thus have a share in promoting the work of the official Men's Organization of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

We respectfully suggest the following:

1. That the greatest encouragement be given to our Churchmen's Brotherhood by way of prayer and good will, and by hearty co-operation with our National Board in the promotion and expansion of our National Organization through its officers and members.

2. That pastors, consistories and the laymen in our Church be challenged to open the way for a more aggressive promotion and advance of our important work in the local church, with the ideal: A chapter of the Churchmen's Brotherhood in every congregation.

3. That we recommend to every church to effect a merger or a correlation of all men's organizations in the local church, so that a unified program of men's work can be formed, in which the Churchmen's Brotherhood should have a conspicuous and a leading part.

4. That the National Board be encouraged to improve and amplify its program of "study and work" to the inclusion of definite projects for the activity of our men.
5. That through the Classes every church be earnestly requested to raise a minimum apportionment of 7/10 cents per member in full in order that the limited financial needs of our Churchmen's Brotherhood may be honestly met.
6. That provision be made in the schedule of the new Synod or Synods for a Standing or Permanent Committee on the Churchmen's Brotherhood, consisting of two pastors and three laymen, who shall co-operate with the consistory and laymen of every church and with the Executive Secretary and members of the National Board in promoting the Churchmen's Brotherhood.
7. To set aside one Sunday in the year, preferably in the fall, as Laymen's Day in our churches, where the work and leadership of laymen be emphasized and the work of the Churchmen's Brotherhood be considered.

## Exhibit XIII

# THE MESSENGER

### Annual Statement of the Messenger

Dear Fathers and Brethren: This is our report for the year of grace, 1937. That is, it is our report as men write reports in the symbols they call numbers. But long before there were numbers there were thoughts—and there was a sense of duty and there were aspirations. As for over one hundred years in the past, the staff of *The Messenger,* during this last year, has sought to serve the Church. The official Church Paper of this Synod wishes to express its gratitude to a kind Heavenly Father for the manifold blessings which have been vouchsafed to us. Looking back over the year, we are profoundly thankful for the staunch and stalwart friends whose loyalty and devotion have been a constant source of benediction to the Editor and his staff.

Our thanks are also due to the members of the Synodical and Classical Committees, and the special Committee of the Board of Christian Education, which functioned so helpfully, and to those pastors and other friends who co-operated willingly in our efforts to place *The Messenger* in a larger number of the homes of the Church. In the face of the recession, we are thankful that we are again able to report an excess of 216 new subscriptions over the number of discontinuances.

In the Philadelphia office, the 1937 statistics on *The Messenger* circulation are as follows: New subscriptions, 1,643 yearly; 119 weekly; a total of 1,762. Discontinuances, 1,068 yearly; 478 weekly; a total of 1,546. This shows an increase of 216. The total circulation as of December 31, 1937, was 10,058. With almost as many in the "E" group, our subscription list continues around 20,000.

A most encouraging condition is the increase in the number of renewal subscriptions. During this year, 5,473 renewals were received, an increase of 1,363 over the previous year. Renewals are as important a part of the life of a periodical as new subscriptions.

**Church Paper Day**

In the Church Paper Day Campaign, from Oct. 17, 1937, to Feb. 28, 1938, we have reports of the observance of this important day from 279 Charges distributed as follows: Eastern Synod, 123; Potomac, 51; Ohio, 50; Pittsburgh, 31; Mid-West, 13; Northwest, 11. From these Synods, the following number of new subscriptions were entered: Eastern, 503; Ohio, 204; Potomac, 140; Pittsburgh, 106; Mid-West, 34; Northwest, 26; a total of 1,013. Not a single Classis in Eastern, Pittsburgh, Potomac and Ohio Synods fails of representation on the list of supporters of the Campaign.

We heartily commend the plan which is used by some congregations of placing *The Messenger* in the regular budget, thus making *The Messenger*

an integral part of the Church's program. The pastors of these congregations are enthusiastic champions of this plan because of the faithful support and co-operation afforded all phases of the Church's activities by an informed membership. The money thus spent is an *investment* and not an *expense.*

One thing is sure: To put *The Messenger* on a self-supporting basis we ought to have not less than 50,000 subscribers. Rising costs may make an increase of the subscription price compulsory before long, if we cannot place our Church Paper into more homes. With your loyal co-operation this can be done. And it ought to be done not primarily for the sake of *The Messenger,* but for the sake of the cause of Christ and the Church.

Your main interest and ours, however, is not in the machinery but in the product. We must all be converted to the proposition that *The Messenger* is here to perform a basic service at a crucial period in the history of the world and in the history of the Church itself. Too much time has been spent, both by the editor and pastors, in selling *The Messenger,* and far too little in selling the *idea* of why we have a *Messenger* and how it can be used effectively in the local Church. Unless this is done, any circulation plan, no matter how effective, will fall short of the desired goal. Therefore, we favor a strenuous campaign of education on *the practical and spiritual values of The Messenger.*

The steady stream of cheap sensationalism and crime that pours from the pages of tabloids and other newspapers, the misrepresentations of the great moral issues of the day, the frivolous and distorted view of life flaunted by the movie and the radio, all keyed to the lower levels of the moronic mind, have made serious inroads on the spiritual poise and moral balance of the American people. Great groups of people have not found access to reliable material upon which to found a sane and sure judgment on the merits of their own cause.

In times of such unrest, when there is such a call for the quickening of spiritual interests and the enrichment of Christian devotion, the Church should rapidly arrive at a revaluation of the place and purpose of the Church Paper. Our Christian homes are more in need of Christian literature today than ever before. There is less restraint on what can be published in magazines, daily papers and books than at any previous time. Day by day, this harmful influence penetrates our homes and in, at least, one-half of these homes there is little Christian literature to counteract this baneful influence.

The only official medium published by this Synod to counteract the destructive influences of the day is *The Messenger.* Without the Church Paper, we are *helpless to put our own cause before our own people.*

The value, the importance, the necessity of the Church Paper should be sensed by every pastor and Church worker who understands how important and difficult the work of the Christian Church is today.

Without publicity, the Church cannot do its work properly. Boards, institutions and agencies cannot carry out Christ's commission unless the people in our Christian homes are informed about the needs, the problems and the progress. *The Messenger* is a promoter of our denominational be-

nevolences, a booster for all our institutions, a friend of every interest of the denomination. In all humility, we can say that it would be possible to quote hundreds of personal testimonies from those who were moved from what they read in its pages to do larger things for our work at home and abroad. We are well within the truth when we say that the comparatively small deficit of *The Messenger* is repaid many fold by the interest and generosity it evokes.

The future of our Church is wrapped up with the future of *The Messenger.* If our members are to be a factor in making the new Church a constructive instrument in the hands of God for the accomplishment of His purpose, they must know what the Evangelical and Reformed Church is doing and plans to do. How can they expect to become conversant with these facts if they do not read the official organ of the Church? *The Messenger* cannot do its God-given task successfully until it goes into the homes and becomes a household companion of our Christian families who are the backbone of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. To accomplish this, pastors and Church officers must lead by precept and example.

There can be no doubt that the next year or two will be the critical period in the history of our Church Paper. Therefore, Synodical and Classical Committees should, by all means, be continued and the campaign for new and renewal subscriptions be prosecuted in the Fall with renewed energy. Desiring to serve the best interest of the Synod and the Church,

WE WOULD AGAIN PETITION SYNOD TO

1. Express its approval of the plans followed by *The Messenger* and the various committees of Synod and Classes, and urge the continuance of the same for the next year.

2. Urge the observance of Church Paper Day sometime between Oct. 16, 1938 and Feb. 28, 1939; and to endorse a campaign for circulation aiming at the securing of a total circulation of 50,000 per week.

3. Reappoint the members of the Commission for the Promotion of the Circulation of *The Messenger* for another year.

4. Request each President of Classis to reappoint the Classical Committee, and, in the case of vacancies due to removals, etc., appoint new members, forwarding the names and addresses to *The Messenger* office in Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,
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## Nebengesetze und Ständige Regeln der Synode des Nordwestens.

### I. Beamten.

#### 1. Präsident und Vizepräsident

**Präsidentenwahl**

a) Die **Wahl** des Präsidenten und Vizepräsidenten soll gleich nach der Eröffnung der Synode ohne vorherige Nomination stattfinden.

Wenn bei der ersten Abstimmung keiner eine Majorität aller Stimmen erhält, so sollen die **drei** Glieder, welche die höchsten Stimmenzahlen erhalten haben, die Kandidaten sein für das Präsidenten- und Vizepräsidentenamt.

**Kandidaten**

Erhält bei der zweiten Abstimmung einer die absolute Mehrheit der Stimmen, so ist derselbe erwählt als Präsident, und die beiden andern sind Kandidaten für das Vizepräsidentenamt.

Erhält bei der zweiten Abstimmung keiner eine absolute Mehrheit, so soll zwischen den **zweien**, welche die höchsten Stimmenzahlen erhalten haben, nochmals abgestimmt werden, und derjenige, welcher dann die höchste Stimmenzahl erhält, soll als Präsident und der andere als Vizepräsident erwählt sein.

**Pflichten**

b) Der Präsident soll nach den Ordnungsregeln der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten die Sitzungen der Synode leiten und trachten, die Geschäfte zu baldigem und gehörigem Abschluß zu bringen.

**Vizepräsident**

c) In Abwesenheit des Präsidenten oder wenn von dem Präsidenten dazu aufgefordert, soll der Vizepräsident die Pflichten des Präsidenten übernehmen.

#### 2. Ständiger Schreiber.

**Blaubuch**

a) Der Ständige Schreiber soll die Berichte der Synodalbehörden und deren Schatzmeister-Berichte vor der Jahresversammlung der Synode in der Form eines „Blaubuches“ drucken lassen und den Predigern und delegierten Aeltesten ein Exemplar zeitig zusenden. Das Blaubuch wird nicht mehr mit dem gedruckten Protokoll zusammengebunden werden.

**Benachrichtigung**

b) Den Vorsitzern der Ausschüsse, sowie den Spezial-Ausschüssen und einzelnen Personen, welche für die Synode im Laufe des Synodaljahres Arbeiten auszuführen und darüber zu berichten haben, soll der Ständige Schreiber zeitig Nachricht und alle einschlägigen Dokumente zukommen lassen.

Ebenso sollen diejenigen, welche auf das Programm der Synode gesetzt werden, schriftlich benachrichtigt werden.

**Ueberweisung**

c) Er soll die einlaufenden Schriftstücke, aus deren Inhalte deutlich hervorgeht, an welchen Ständigen Ausschuß sie gehören, dem betreffenden Ausschuß gleich durch den Korrespondierenden Schreiber überweisen.

**Rel. Bericht veröffentlichen**

d) Er soll den Religionsbericht und einen Auszug aus der Statistik in der Kirchenzeitung veröffentlichen.

**Versendung der Protokolle** e) Er soll die gedruckten Verhandlungen direkt vom Verlagshause versenden lassen. Jeder Prediger und Lizentiat soll je ein Exemplar erhalten und jede Gemeinde soll erhalten 1 Exemplar für den Geistlichen Rat und 1 Exemplar für den allgemeinen Kirchenrat.

**Punkte für die Klassen** f) Der Schreiber soll eine Zusammenstellung der an die Klassen überwiesenen Punkte machen und dem gedruckten Protokolle beifügen.

**Schema für Parochialberichte Ständige Regeln** g) Gleich dem Schema für Parochialberichte sollen auch die Ständigen Regeln, in ihrer letzten verbesserten Form, alljährlich dem Protokoll als Anhang beigefügt werden.

### 3. Schatzmeister.

**Rechnungen** a) Alle Rechnungen im Laufe des Synodaljahres, auch die für Reisekosten, Bewirtung von Behörden, Ausschüssen und dergleichen, sollen an den **Ständigen Schreiber** der Synode gesandt werden; derselbe soll ihre Richtigkeit bezeugen und sie an den Schatzmeister zur Auszahlung überweisen.

**Kirchendiener** b) Dem Kirchendiener der Gemeinde, in welcher die Synode tagt, soll eine Vergütung im Betrage von $10.00 ausbezahlt werden.

### 4. Korrespondierender Schreiber.

**Korr. Schreiber** Der Korrespondierende Schreiber soll die überwiesenen Dokumente oder Punkte aus Berichten nach Anweisung des Vorsitzers den Ausschüssen übermitteln.

Er soll Sorge tragen, daß etwaige gedruckte Berichte unter den anwesenden Gliedern verteilt werden.

Er soll solche Korrespondenz ausführen, welche von der Synode ihm übertragen wird.

### 5. Registrar.

**Registration** Das Registrationssystem soll stehende Regel der Synode sein, um das zeitraubende Verlesen der Namensliste zu vermeiden.

### 6. Archivar.

**Archivar** Der Archivar soll genau Buch führen über die Dokumente des Archivs und jedes Jahr der Synode darüber Bericht erstatten.

### II. Exekutivbeamte.

**Trustees** a) Der Präsident, der Ständige Schreiber und der Schatzmeister sollen die Trustees der Synode sein.

**Exekutive** b) Dieselben sollen als „Exekutivbeamte" verantwortlich sein für die Ausführung aller solcher Aufträge, welche die Synode ohne nähere Bestimmung ihren „Beamten" überweist.

**Geschäftsordnung** c) Sie sollen für jede Sitzung ein Programm zur Erledigung der Geschäfte ausarbeiten (Geschäftsordnung) und dem Blaubuche einverleiben.

**Gottesdienstprogramm** d) Sie sollen mit dem Pastor und Aeltesten der Gemeinde, wo sich die Synode versammelt, als Ausschuß für Gottesdienste dienen, und die Redner und Themata für die Morgenandachten und Gottesdienste bestimmen, es sei denn, daß die Synode selber andere Bestimmungen trifft.

**Ausschuß für Regeln**

e) Die „Exekutivbeamten", zusammen mit dem Hilfsschreiber und Registrar, sollen als Ausschuß für Regeln, das Verzeichnis der Ständigen Regeln, alljährlich, den etwaigen Veränderungen seitens der Synode entsprechend, korrigieren und im Blaubuche veröffentlichen.

### III. Regeln für Synodalbehörden.

**Behördeberichte**

Jede Synodalbehörde soll ihren Jahresbericht, zusammen mit einem übersichtlichem Finanzberichte, rechtzeitig an das Verlagshaus einsenden, damit diese Berichte in den Blaubüchern der Synoden veröffentlicht werden können.

### IV. Regeln für die Ausschüsse.

**Ernennung der Ausschüsse**

1. Folgende Ausschüsse sollen stets vom Präsidenten ein Jahr im voraus ernannt werden:—Religion und Statistik, Synodalverhandlungen und Klassikalverhandlungen. Die Exekutivbeamten bilden den Ausschuß für Gottesdienste, nach Regel II, d.

**Vorsitzer der Ausschüsse**

2. Sechs (6) Wochen vor der Jahressitzung der Synode soll der Präsident, soweit solches tunlich ist, die Vorsitzer der Ständigen Ausschüsse ernennen.

Der jeweilige Präsident soll stets Vorsitzer des Ausschusses für Religion und Statistik sein; der Ständige Schreiber soll stets Vorsitzer des Ausschusses für Synodalverhandlungen sein, und der Registrar soll stets Vorsitzer des Ausschusses für Entschuldigungen sein.

**Berichte im Allgemeinen**

3. Die Berichte aller Ausschüsse sollen möglichst kurz, klar und unzweideutig abgefaßt und deutlich geschrieben sein, und der Synode in der Form übergeben werden, in welcher sie gedruckt werden sollen.

Jeder Ausschuß soll angeben, welche Dokumente oder Punkte ihm überwiesen worden sind.

Es soll nicht angegeben werden, welcher Behördeglieder Dienstzeit abgelaufen ist, da die Behörden selber solches berichten.

Ueberhaupt soll jede unnötige Wiederholung vermieden werden und jede Empfehlung deutlich angegeben sein.

**Entschuldigung**

4. Alle Entschuldigungsgesuche sollen angeben, aus welcher Klassis sie kommen. Solche Glieder, die wegen Missionsfesten oder Predigen abwesend sind, sollen nicht entschuldigt werden, es sei denn, sie werden von der Synode geschickt. „Der Ausschuß für Gottesdienste soll in seinem Berichte keine Empfehlungen für Nachbargemeinden machen, die nicht **in unmittelbarer Nähe** des Versammlungsortes der Synode liegen. Gemeinden unserer eigenen Benennung, welche Predigtdienste seitens der Synode am Synodalsonntage wünschen, sollen sich diesbezüglich vor der Sitzung der Synode an den betreffenden Ausschuß wenden.

**Finanzen**

5. Der Ausschuß für Finanzen soll jährlich in der Berechnung der Umlage eine Summe von ¼ Cent per Glied einschließen zur Schaffung eines Kassenbestandes, bis ein Kassenbestand von $2500.00 vorhanden ist.

Ebenso soll jährlich eine Auflage von ½ Cent per Glied für das Gehalt des Hafenmissionars gemacht werden.

**Klassikalverhandlungen**

6. Der Ausschuß für Klassikalverhandlungen ist angewiesen, die Beschlüsse der Synode mit den Handlungen der Klassen zu vergleichen und zu berichten, ob die Klassen die Beschlüsse der Synode ausgeführt haben.

Der Ausschuß soll seinen Bericht im Triplikat vorlegen, damit die einzelnen Punkte, welche bekanntlich an andere Ausschüsse verwiesen werden, durch den Korrespondierenden Schreiber gleich überreicht werden können.

**Meilengelder und Reisevergütung**

7. Der Ausschuß für Meilengelder soll gleich nach Empfang der Ansprüche für Reisevergütung, seinen Bericht anfertigen und einreichen, damit derselbe dem Ausschuß für Finanzen überwiesen werden kann.

a) Die Präsidenten oder Superintendenten solcher Anstalten und Editoren solcher Kirchenzeitungen, welche von der Synode, allein oder in Gemeinschaft mit andern Synoden, geeignet oder kontrolliert werden, sollen das Vorrecht haben, den Versammlungen aller der beteiligten Synoden beizuwohnen, und die betreffenden Anstalten sollen ihre Reisekosten bezahlen.

b) Der Ausschuß für Reisevergütung soll ohne Ausnahme, in jedem Falle, die Reisevergütung nach der Meilenzahl einen Weg, und zwar nach der kürezesten Route berechnen, sowohl für Delegaten, welche per Automobil reisen, als für solche, welche per Eisenbahn reisen. In dieser Berechnung soll sich der Ausschuß nach den neuesten Karten richten.

c) Die Reisevergütung für Delegaten, welche per Eisenbahn reisen, beträgt 4.8 Cts. pro Meile für Prediger, und 7.2 Cts. pro Meile für Aelteste, es sei denn, daß weniger bezahlt wurde. Muß ein Delegat höhere Eisenbahnraten bezahlen, so soll der Ausschuß für jeden einzelnen Fall der Synode besondere Empfehlungen machen.

d) Die Reisevergütung für Delegaten, welche per Automobil reisen, soll berechnet werden wie folgt: — Reist ein Delegat allein, so soll seine Reisevergütung 4.8 Cts. pro Meile betragen; reisen mehrere Delegaten als Gruppe zusammen, so soll die Reisevergütung betragen: 4.8 Cts. pro Meile für das erste Glied der Gruppe, und die Hälfte davon, 2.4 Cts. pro Meile, für jedes weitere Glied der Gruppe.

e) Reisevergütung soll nur solchen Delegaten ausbezahlt werden, deren Klassen die Synodalauflage **in voll** eingezahlt haben an den Schatzmeister der Synode. Auch soll keinem Gliede der Synode Reisevergütung gewährt werden, welches ohne Entschuldigung oder Genehmigung der Synode nicht allen Sitzungen der Synode bis zur endgültigen Vertagung beiwohnt.

f) Jedes Glied der Synode, welches Reisevergütung beansprucht, muß seine Ansprüche (Meilenzahl usw.) vor Schluß des zweiten Sitzungstages beim Registrar einreichen. Versäumt es dies zu tun, so hat es keinen Anspruch auf Reisevergütung. Diese Regeln sollen bei der Eröffnung der Synode verlesen werden.

g) Solchen Gliedern anderer Synoden, welche von dieser Synode eingeladen werden, auf dem Programm der Synode zu dienen, sollen ihre Reisekosten von der Synode vergütet werden.

**Nominationen** 8. Der Ausschuß für Nominationen soll für die Wahl von Behördegliedern neben dem austretenden Glied noch zwei Kandidaten vorschlagen.

Aelteste, die nicht im aktiven Dienst sind, sind nicht wählbar (Art. 56) in Behörden oder als Delegaten zur Synode.

Es soll eine absolute Mehrheit aller abgegebenen Stimmen erforderlich sein zur Erwählung eines Kandidaten. Erhält keiner eine solche Mehrheit, dann soll eine Stichwahl gehalten werden zwischen den zweien der Kandidaten, welche die höchste Stimmenzahl erhalten haben.

**Ratgebende Glieder** 9. Der Ausschuß für ratgebende Glieder soll angewiesen sein, je und je die Namen der anwesenden ratgebenden Glieder oder anzuerkennenden Personen, dem Präsidenten einzureichen, damit dieselben vom Präsidenten anerkannt werden mögen.

## V. Regeln für die Ständigen Schreiber der Klassen.

### 1. Abschriften der Klassikalprotokolle.

**Format** a) Für alle Abschriften der Protokolle soll das vom Schreiber der Synode erhältliche Papier gebraucht werden. Die Bogen sollen geheftet und mit Seitenzahlen versehen werden.

**Ordnung des Inhalts** b) Der Inhalt soll nach Art und Weise des Synodalprotokolls geordnet werden. Jeder Artikel soll auf einem neuen Blatt begonnen werden, die verschiedenen Abschnitte mit deutlichen Ueberschriften versehen und so übersichtlich als möglich gemacht werden.

**Randbemerkungen** c) Der Hauptinhalt eines jeden Abschnitts soll am Rande kurz angedeutet werden.

**Inhaltsverzeichnis** d) Jedem Abschnitt eines Protokolls soll ein möglichst ausführliches und genaues Inhaltsverzeichnis beigefügt werden.

**Abkürzungen und Wiederholungen** e) Nur allgemein gebräuchliche Abkürzungen sind statthaft. Alle andern Abkürzungen, sowie alle unnötigen Wiederholungen, sollen als tadelnswerte Dinge gerügt werden.

**Adressen** f) In der Angabe der Beamten der Klassis sollen auch deren Adressen angegeben werden. Ebenso sollen in der amtlichen Gliederliste, bei Predigern und delegierten Aeltesten, primarii und secundi, deren Adressen angegeben werden.

**Anwesende** g) Bei der Angabe der Anwesenden soll gehörig unterschieden werden zwischen Gliedern, ratgebenden Gliedern und Gästen der Klassen.

**Gliederliste und delegierte Aelteste** h) Da nach Art. 67 der Kirchenordnung, die zur Klassis delegierten Aeltesten, primarii und secundi, auch Delegaten zu einer allgemeinen Synode sind, so sollen die Klassen dafür sorgen, daß ihre Gliederlisten möglichst genau und vollständig eingesandt werden.

Nicht gehörig beglaubigte Delegaten haben weder Sitz noch Stimme, noch Anspruch auf Reisevergütung.

**Ort und Zeit der Sitzung** i) Bei Angabe von Ort und Zeit der nächsten Klassikalversammlungen soll die größte Genauigkeit beobachtet werden.

**Statistik** — j) In allen Klassen sollen gleichförmig die von der Generalsynode angenommenen Formulare für Statistik gebraucht werden.

**Beglaubigung** — k) Sämtliche Dokumente der Klassen an die Synode sollen gehörig beglaubigt, d. h. mit Unterschrift und Siegel versehen sein.

**Religionsberichte** — l) Die klassikalen Religionsberichte sollen nicht die einzelnen Gemeinden anführen, sondern nur, nach dem Schema der Parochialberichte, einen Ueberblick über das geistige Leben u. s. w. in der Klassis geben, sodaß die Präsidenten der Synode und Generalsynode in den Stand gesetzt werden, gleichfalls einen entsprechenden Religionsbericht auszuarbeiten.

**2. Einsendung der Protokolle und andrer Dokumente.**

**Wohin zu senden** — a) Alle Abschriften der Protokolle oder Berichte für die Synode sind mindestens sechs (6) Wochen vor der Sitzung einzusenden an den Ständigen Schreiber, und von ihm den betreffenden Ausschüssen zuzustellen.

**Erziehungsbericht u. S. S. Statistik** — b) Der Bericht über Erziehung und die Sonntagsschul-Statistik soll gleich nach der Jahressitzung eingesandt werden, weil die Erziehungsbehörde dieselben nötig hat zu ihrer Arbeit.

**Gliederliste** — c) Die Gliederliste soll spätestens bis zum 1. Juli eingesandt werden, damit die Blaubücher zeitig versandt werden können.

**Statistik** — d) Die statistischen Berichte der Klassen sollen genau dieselben Angaben enthalten, welche an den Ständigen Schreiber der Generalsynode berichtet werden. Wenn in den Berichten an die Generalsynode Korrekturen gemacht werden, so sollen solche auch sofort an den Schreiber der Synode berichtet werden.

**VI. Andere Regeln und Gebräuche.**

**Berichterstattung über Gaben für Wohltätigkeit** — 1. Inbezug auf Berichterstattung über die Gaben für Wohltätigkeit:—(Statistik der Generalsynode)

Die Gaben für Kirchbaufonds, Hafenmission und Indianermission sollen in der Rubrik **Einheimische Mission** mitgezählt werden; die Gaben für Waisenhaus, Missionshaus, Sonntagsschul- und Erziehungsbehörden, sollen in der Rubrik **Erziehung** mitgezählt werden.

Jede Gemeinde soll ihre Gaben einsenden unter dem Namen der Pfarrstelle, **wie in der Statistik der Klassis angegeben, und soll auch den Namen der Klassis beifügen.**

**Tagesordnungen** — 2. Allen Vertretern der Behörden soll am zweiten Sitzungstage (d. h. also am Mittwoch, wenn sich die Synode am Dienstag abend zur Eröffnung versammelt) Gelegenheit gegeben werden, zur Synode zu reden. Die Zeit soll der Präsident bestimmen.

**Registrationsgebühr** — 3. Künftighin soll jeder Delegat zur Synode, welcher den Sitzungen zeitweilig oder während der ganzen Zeit der Synode beiwohnt, $1.00 für Beköstigung beitragen. Dieser Betrag soll bei der Registration entrichtet werden. (1933.)

**Aenderung der Regeln** — 4. Diese Regeln mögen verändert, verbessert oder widerrufen werden bei irgend einer regelmäßigen Sitzung der Synode, durch eine Mehrheit der anwesenden und stimmenden Glieder.

